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A MONTHLY NEWS - LETTER FOR COLLECTORS OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

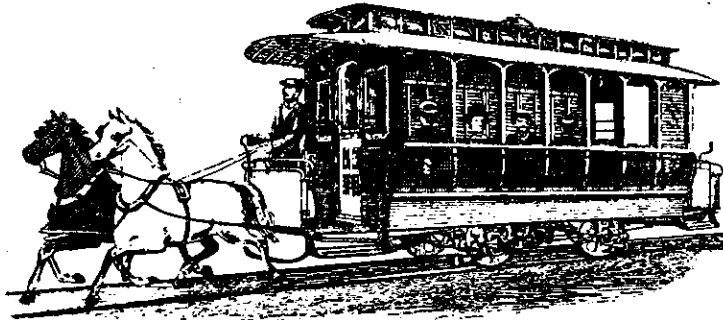
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The A.V.A. has purchased a new rebuilt mimeograph machine, similar to our old one, and it is hoped that this new machine will make it possible for better and more expeditious issues of this publication. In addition to the mimeograph, your Editor has purchased, on his own, a new typewriter to replace the old one which broke down in the midst of preparations for this issue. The February issue, I hope, will go to press by February 1, so please note that deadline.

In this issue we are publishing a long illustrated article on Civil War Transportation Tokens by George Fuld. If readers like the idea of including photographs with our issues, perhaps we can do it more often in the future. Many of you will be surprised at the number of varieties that exist of some of our tokens. One note should be made here: the designation "C-N" under the "Metal" column designates Copper-nickel, which is similar to what we call White Metal.

This issue is going to press February 16. By now, of course, all of our A.V.A. members have paid their \$3 1959 dues. If you haven't, then you are just as tardy as this issue is...

A constant stimulus to historical investigation is the case of unidentified initials which appear on some of our old tokens. One example which has long intrigued me is that "E.G.S. & S.A." which appears on NY 35 A and B. I have an old list of traction companies which was published in 1899. For Auburn, N.Y., it lists only the "Auburn City Railway." However, it states that this firm operated cars "along Seward Avenue and from Genesee Street to the foot of Lake Owasco." So my hunch is that the initials stand for "East Genesee Street & Seward Avenue Railway Co." which probably was a horsecar line operating prior to 1886, when the Auburn City Ry. was chartered. Anybody have any better suggestions?



## CHECK LIST OF METAL TIME TABLES

There are a number of tokens which, although not valid for payment of fare, are of interest to transportation token collectors. Among these are time table tokens. These are all scarce, and some of them are quite rare. For the benefit of collectors who may wish to have a sideline collection of them, we are running a list below of all such tokens known to the Editor. Readers are invited to send additional listings.

- A Bz 19 Sd NEW YORK AND ALBANY PEOPLES LINE OF STEAM BOATS  
Time Table Leave N.Y. 6 P.M. Leave Albany 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M.  
N.Y.C.R.R. EX. TRAINS LEAVE ALBANY 7-30 & 9 A.M.  
/12-20 & 6 P.M.
- B Bz 19 Sd N.Y.C.R.R. Ex. Trains Leave Buffalo 5 & 8 A.M.  
/5-45 & 10-55 P.M.
- C K 19 Sd WILLIAMSVILLE EXPRESS LEAVES WILLIAMSVILLE 8 AM  
Williamsville Express Leaves Buffalo 3 PM
- D Vi 31 Sd SHORE LINE BOSTON TO NEW YORK  
Leave Boston at 1, P.M. & 9:30 P.M. Sundays at  
/9:30 P.M.
- E K 37 Sd VANDERBILT AND CONNECTICUT LEAVE ALBANY DAILY AT  
/8 P.M. SATURDAY EXCEPTED. NEW YORK PIER 44  
/N. RIVER 6-P.M. FARE ONLY \$1.50
- F Vb 31 Sd Albany and Troy Evening Line of Steamers Good For  
/50 Cts in Obtaining Stateroom Passage (signature)  
STONINGTON LINE BOSTON TO NEW YORK  
Leave Boston at 6 P.M. Except Sundays

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## HARDY'S BUS &amp; CAB LINE OF TIPTON, IND.

In the process of looking for elusive tokens, John Nicolosi has managed to come up with much useful information about such tokens. Recently he received an interesting letter from Mr. S.P. Hardy, a retired New York Central passenger conductor, whose father operated the Tipton, Ind., line. It's a beautifully written letter and I wish that space permitted us to reproduce all of it. The pertinent section follows:-

"I am sorry but I have none of the old brass tokens, or checks as they were called in those days. About 1898 these brass checks were changed to cardboard ones... The fare from the old railroad junction or depot was 15¢ one way or 25¢ round trip. The depot was a little over a half mile from the business district. This bus line was started by my father in 1888...and it was abandoned in 1901. However, in the late nineties it was a very flourishing business for a small town. Tipton had a population of about 1800 then. The bus line consisted of a big bus and 2 4-passenger cabs. The bus had room for 10 to 12 passengers inside, and it had a rear ladder to the top of the bus where luggage was carried when crowding made it necessary. The passenger cabs were used for local business and also at all funerals. The first rubber tires were put in service about 1896. One used cab was purchased from the old Horace Wood Transfer Co. of Indianapolis. The old bus still had steel tires until the end, and it made quite a clatter on the old brick streets."

= CIVIL WAR TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =  
By George J. Fuld

Early in 1862, all metallic currency was gradually withdrawn from circulation in this country. Citizens, anticipating the possible increase in the value of metals, commenced hoarding gold, silver, and even copper, to such an extent that in a short time there were no metallic coins of any denomination in circulation. Tradesmen were thus forced to issue a medium of exchange that would supply the place of small coins. Initially, U.S. postage stamps were utilized, but these proved far too flimsy, and even the invention of the metallically-encased stamp did not satisfy the need. Various forms of paper and cardboard scrip in small denominations were issued, but they met with limited acceptance due to the disrepute of many of the ill-fated broken bank bills of previous periods. Finally, in the Fall of 1862 in Cincinnati, the first appearance of small copper coins, issued by private individuals, met with wide acceptance. In the Spring of 1863 New York followed this example--the first pieces being issued by Lindenmuller, of which a million were struck.

The issue of similar pieces became general throughout the eastern and midwestern states, until it was estimated that not less than 25,000,000 of these private tokens were in general circulation, which must have included between seven and eight thousand varieties.

These little tokens amply fulfilled the needs of the merchants and were generally accepted everywhere as a means of exchange, usually for one cent. Although they were a great source of relief and convenience, they soon attracted the attention of the federal authorities because of their irresponsible character. When Lindenmuller refused to redeem a large number of his tokens which had been accepted by the Third Avenue Railroad in New York, the railroad had no redress. Incidents of this character caused Congress to pass an Act in 1864, forbidding private individuals to issue any form of money,

Naturally, many transportation firms issued tokens during this period, and except possibly for the Bellaire Ferry Ticket, none of these pieces were actually intended to serve as fare checks, but merely to pass as current for one cent. Of course, if the fare for these conveyances was only one cent, the tokens would readily serve as fare checks, although such a low fare is unlikely. Thus it appears that almost none of these tokens issued by transportation companies really served as fare tokens. This is probably the only instance where a so-called transportation token ever served as money. On this basis, therefore, all the Civil War Transportation pieces have a common ground: if one of them is admitted to the realm of transportation tokens, they all should be admitted on the same basis. Heretofore this has not been done in the official Atwood Catalogue, and it is the hope of this short article that the importance of these pieces will be realized by all vecturists.

The following list of Civil War tokens of transportation companies is complete to the best of my knowledge and includes many pieces which are not at present listed in Atwood's Catalogue. This includes varieties of some listed firms (such as Cin. & Gov. Ferry) that are unlisted. I can personally vouch for the existence of all these tokens, with a few exceptions which will be noted. All the varieties, except for reverse die 5, and the obverse of Fa 750 H,

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are on the accompanying plate. I have assigned tentative Atwood numbers to these pieces where possible, and I have identified the others by both Hetrich & Gutttag numbers and Atwood numbers where available.

As shown on the plate, the reverses of pieces with obverses A through E are all similar (though of course all reverse types are not found on every obverse type). The following table lists these reverse types, giving the distinctive characteristics of each.

DESCRIPTIONS OF DIES 1 THRU 13

<u>Het.-Gut. numbers of dies</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location of next to last feather of headdress</u>	<u>Location of right corner of ribbon end</u>	<u>Distinctive remarks</u>
1. 409	1863	to center of 13th star	directly over right side of 6	reeded edge only
2. 622	1863	to lower part of 13th star	directly over center of 6	Indian head always in low relief
3. 415	1863	to high upper part of 13th star	to right of center of 6	field behind head is al- ways rough
4. 615	1863	to upper part of 13th star	to left of center of 6	die break from end of neck to bor- der, and on edge below 3
5. 617	1863	just above cen- ter of 13th star	to left of 6	A break like a dash below 1; bottom of 3 filled.
6. 635	1863	to upper part of 13th star	between the 8 and 6	date very close to rim
7. 661	1863	to upper part of 13th star	between the 8 and 6	date farther from rim than on #6
8. 662	1863	to lower part of 12th star	to right of center of 6	
9. 418	1863	to lower part of 12th star	to left of 6	always with reeded edge
10. 419	1864	to lower part of 12th star	to left of center of 6	always with reeded edge
11. 420	1864	between 12th & 13th star	to left of center of 6	always with reeded edge

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12. 453A 1863 (no stars)

to center of 6

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has inscrip-  
tion "THE  
PRAIRIE FLO-  
WER" instead  
of the stars

13. 8115 (this piece inscribed ROBERT WRIGHT DRY GOODS 397  
CEN. AVENUE. Has no Indian head or stars.)

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# LIST OF CIVIL WAR TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

This list gives the descriptions of the different varieties of tokens which are known to exist with obverses A thru E (top row of tokens) in the photographic plate.

<u>Obverse</u>	<u>Reverse</u>	<u>Atwood number</u>	<u>Het-Gut Number</u>	<u>Metal</u>	<u>Edge</u>	<u>number in existence</u>
Wolf Creek, Ind. WOLF CREEK PIKE G. HAINES (A)	10	995 A	3144	copper	reeded	over 6*
	10	unlisted	--	brass	"	unique
	10	"	--	zinc	"	"
	10	995 B	3145	C-N	"	"
	11			C-N	"	"
Covington, Ky. (Cincinnati, O., in Atwood Catalogue) COV. & CIN. FERRY COMPANY (B)	9	165 F	3184	copper	reeded	4*
	9	165 G	3185	brass	"	1
	10	--	3187	C-N	"	unique
	11	165 H	3188	copper	"	2*
Newport, Ky. N'PT & COV BRIDGE COMPANY (C)	3	640 A	3245	copper	plain	2*
	8	--	--	"	"	1*
	9	640 B	3247	"	reeded	4*
	9	640 C	3248	brass	"	2*
	9	--	--	zinc	"	not seen
	11	640 C	--	copper	"	1*
	11	--	3250	C-N	"	unique
Cleveland, O. WARDS LAKE SUPERIOR LINE STEAMER PLANET CLEVELAND DETROIT & LAKE SUPERIOR (D)	1	Unid. 58	4096	copper	reeded	6*
	9	"	4098	"	"	3*
	9	--	4099	brass	"	2*
	9	--	4100	zinc	"	2*
	10	--	4101	copper	"	1*
	11	--	4102	copper	"	not seen
	11	--	--	C-N	"	unique
Cincinnati, O. CIN. & COV. FERRY COMPANY (E)	9	165 B	6845	copper	reeded	6*
	9	165 C	6846	brass	"	3*
	11	165 D	--	copper	"	1*
	11	165 E	6848	C-N	"	unique
	12	--	--	C-N	"	unique
	4	165 A	6850	copper	plain	common

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(obverse E con-  
tinued)

5	--	6652	copper plain	4*
2	--	--	" "	5*
6	--	--	" "	2*
7	--	--	" "	3*
13	--	--	" "	unique

Perrysburg, O.  
MAUMEE AND PERRYS-  
BURG TOLL BRIDGE CO.

Mercury	725 A	8608	copper plain	6*
Mercury	725 B	8609	brass plain	5*

Bellaire, O.  
BELLAIRE FERRY  
TICKET

flying eagle 1863	60 A	6471	copper plain	4*
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Bowling Green, O.  
WOOD CO. BRIDGE CO.

21c	85 A	--	copper plain	5*
15c	85 B	--	" "	uncertain
25cs.	85 C	--	" "	1*

Personally, I believe these tokens were issued after the Civil War, closer to 1870. Die work only superficially resembles other Civil War pieces.

Albany, N.Y.  
N.Y.C.R.R. EX. TRAINS  
LEAVE ALBANY 7-30 & 9  
AM. 12 20 & 6 P.M.

N.Y.C.R.R.  
EX. TRAINS  
LEAVE BUF-  
FALO 5 & 8  
AM 5-45 &  
10-55 P.M.

4929 bronze plain common \*  
(tentatively assigned by me as  
Atwood NY 10 N)

New York, N.Y.  
NEW-YORK AND ALBANY  
PEOPLES LINE OF  
STEAM BOATS

TIME TABLE  
LEAVE N.Y.  
6 P.M.  
LEAVE ALBANY  
7 1/2 P.M.

5879 bronze plain common but  
rarer than  
NY 10 N \*  
(tentatively assigned by me as  
Atwood NY 630 AT)

Williamsville, N.Y.  
WILLIAMSVILLE EX-  
PRESS LEAVES 8 AM  
WILLIAMSVILLE

WILLIAMS-  
VILLE EX-  
PRESS  
LEAVES BUF-  
FALO 8 P.M.

6375 copper plain 5\*  
(tentatively assigned by me as  
NY 985 A)

Philadelphia, Pa.  
CHESTNUT & WALNUT  
PASSENGER R.R. CO.  
ONE FARE

BENJAMIN  
FRANKLIN  
(bust of  
Franklin)  
1861

750 H	copper plain	1
750 I	C-N "	1
unlisted	brass "	1

The Chestnut & Walnut items from Philadelphia, with bust of Franklin, are extremely rare Civil War pieces. The only ones ever noted in auction sales were in the famous Levick sale, where the set in all three metals was sold. It was not listed in the Hettrich-Gutttag work, but the set exists in all three metals in the Appleton Collection of Franklin Medals at the Massachusetts Historical Society Museum in Boston. Two varieties (the 2 listed in Atwood's Catalogue) are in Roland C. Atwood's collection.

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### MASSACHUSETTS PATTERNS

Unfortunately, as an outgrowth of the tremendous number of different varieties of Civil War tokens issued during the Civil War, the few numismatists of the period who started collecting these during the war wanted rare varieties for their collections. This gave rise to a disreputable practice: extensive die muling. Muling, like the animal of that name, is the combination of two dies that should not be combined. Thus, from a few dies a tremendous number of varieties can be created. Probably no time in history has ever seen as great a number of varieties created from so few dies as those that were struck from Rhode Island during the latter part of the war. By striking tokens in seven metals from about ten dies, hundreds of different varieties were created.

At this time, one of the very early transportation dies, the MAVERICK COACH of Boston issued in 1837 (Mass 115 B), was combined with 4 of the Rhode Island dies. The reverse of the Maverick die reads EAST BOSTON 1837. It was combined with a head of Lincoln (Reverse 1 at bottom of our photographic plate); with a head of General Burnside (Reverse 2); with UNION 1863 C in a wreath (Reverse 3); and with H. DOBSON UNION 1864 (Reverse 4). All the pieces were struck in 7 metals: copper, brass, nickel, copper-nickel, German silver, white metal, and lead. According to an article in the American Journal of Numismatics in 1866, only 3 sets of each of these were struck, obviously for collectors. This has been borne out by the number of pieces that have appeared in collectors' hands. I have been fortunate to obtain 5 of these rather rare fantasies. It is difficult to justify calling such pieces even Civil War tokens, and we should call them patterns in a transportation sense.

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It is hoped that this little dissertation will be of interest to transportation token collectors, and I should be pleased to hear from anyone who has any different varieties of these pieces, or who owns any specimens of the rarer pieces. I have listed the number that exist to my personal knowledge in Civil War token collections, but my knowledge as to the number in transportation token collections is limited. Pieces indicated by asterisk (\*) in the "number known" column are in my collection, but are not for sale. For the benefit of anyone who wishes duplicates of the two common New York time tables, they are listed in the advertisements in this issue.

- George J. Fuld

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The following is a list of reference materials used by Dr. Fuld in preparing his article, and which he asked me to publish along with his article:

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Whitman Publishing Co., 1959 (to be released about June)
4. R. Haggenjos: Indiana Civil War Tokens  
reprinted from Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine, 1958.
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privately printed, New York, 1924.

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### ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS

- minutes of the December 14, 1958, meeting -

The December meeting of the Association was held Sunday, December 14, at 2 p.m., at Clifton's Cafeteria, 5000 Lakewood Blvd., Lakewood, California. Regular members attending included Atwood, Cutler, Ficklin, Miller, and Ross. Visitors included Mrs. Ficklin and Mrs. Ross. A letter from Mr. Bartley pertaining to the handling of an A.V.A. national convention was read and discussed. Then Mr. Atwood passed around a letter from the Santa Monica Convention Bureau in regard to the coming 1959 convention. A sale and exchange of tokens followed for the balance of the meeting, which adjourned at 4 p.m.

- Edrick J. Miller, Treasurer

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### THE SANTA MONICA CONVENTION

The A.V.A. annual convention for 1959 will meet August 1-2 at Santa Monica, Calif., for what may be the biggest convention in our history. Roland C. Atwood, Convention Chairman, has engaged the Georgian Hotel, located "right on the bluff overlooking the ocean." It is 1 block from downtown and 1 block from the entrance to the pier. Rates there are \$9 for a single. All collectors planning to attend should write Mr. Atwood before May 1, as the hotel is booked up early and if you want a room you have to get a reservation early. The banquet will be Saturday night (Aug. 1) from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$4.00.

Mr. Atwood has also arranged with the local bus company in Santa Monica to have special tokens made for the occasion, which will be presented to attending members. The Chamber of Commerce will provide special plastic name plates for members.

Southern California is one of the nicest (and coolest) places to spend a summer vacation. Why not come out to California for the big A.V.A. convention this year?



Write to R.K. Frisbee for new Denver token. Send 10¢ & stamped envelope. Do not write to bank as they won't answer. If you are a member of New Issues Service, you will receive the token from there.  
R.K. Frisbee - 211 King Street - Denver 19, Colo.

Wanted: Unidentified tokens #27-36. Will trade Ind 275 A; Ore 700 B or Minn 730 A. Will pay \$1.00 each for Ala 120 I; Nebr 120 J L; Ohio 80 B; Pa 525 R.

Frank Guernsey - 3138 S.E. 78th - Portland 6, Oregon  
Scotland 300 A and B for sale at \$4.00 each. Also have 3 of the following: Obverse: "To J. Palmere. This is Inscribed as a Token of Gratitude For Benefits Received From the Establishment of Mail Coaches. 1797." Reverse: (picture of stage drawn mail coach) "Mail Coach Halfpenny Payable in London To Trade Expedition To Properly Protection." Have 3 of these, good \$1; Very Good to Fine \$1.50; Fine edge corroded \$1.50. Also have 2 Chicago World's Fair rolled pennies, Egyptian Pavilion, 25¢ each. Please include postage & return envelope. Cash only, no trade.

Foster B. Pollack - 1841 Broadway, Room 201 - New York 23, N.Y.  
For Sale or trade at Catalogue: a few of the now scarce Fla 300 E.  
R.K. Moulton - 4127 Bedford Road - Detroit 24, Mich.

I am selling my collection of over 500 tokens as my spare time is limited and I am concentrating on my Swizzle Stick collection. I'll mail a list of the tokens to anyone requesting one. Any members interested in transfers and tickets?

Ron O'Donovan - 1164 Hector Bay, Grant Park - Winnipeg 9, Man.  
Back Issues of The Fare Box for sale to the best offer received by March 20: July-Dec. 1947, Jan-June or July-Dec. 48, Jan-June (March issue missing) or July-Dec. 49, Jan-June or July-Dec. 50, Jan-June or July-Dec. 53, Jan-June 1954. Also the following tokens at Cat. while they last: Calif 650 and Calif 545a and 545b.

R.L. Moore - 2400 Van Ness Ave. - San Francisco 9, Cal.  
Recent Issues For Sale - Conn 290 N and Conn 305 N at 20¢ each and a stamped return envelope.

Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford 7, Conn.  
I have a small quantity of gov't surplus signal corp boxes to trade. These boxes measure inside 13" long, 3 3/4" wide and 2 1/2" deep. Outside dimensions 13 1/2" x 4 1/4" x 3". These have hinged lids with latches and are ideal for 2x2 envelopes, tubes or rolls of coins and other items. Also has strap for carrying. Will send one for 20 different transportation tokens. Satisfaction guaranteed.

W.G. Phillips - 997 Welch St., S.E. - Atlanta 15, Ga.  
For Sale: Transportation Token Catalog of United States & Possessions published by Clyde A. Logsdon of Omaha, Nebr. Near new condition. First edition 1948. If interested make me an offer.

L.A. Hensley - 1616 Spencer St. - Omaha 10, Nebr.  
For Sale: Minn 410 A 15¢, 540 K 20¢, L 20¢, 680 C D E F @ 15¢, 980 F 15¢, 720 A 15¢, 730 G H @ 15¢, 760 G 50¢, M (2 var.) @ 15¢; Okla 640 G I J @ 25¢, 770 B C @ 15¢; Ore 500 A 15¢; Neb 580 A 15¢; NC 545 A B @ 15¢; Tex 50 D 15¢; Wisc 230 A 15¢, 220 C 15¢; Mo 140 15¢, 430 A 15¢. Please send stamped self-addressed envelope.

Floyd O. Barnett - 6048 Stevens Ave. - Minneapolis 19, Minn.  
For Sale at Catalogue, stamp please: Ohio 165 T. Also NY 800 A for sale at \$4.00 or trade. Also I have for trade only (I personally value it as a \$3.50 token) KY 510 BS, the Louv. Taxicab token. If interested let me hear what you have to trade for it. Will hold offer open for 3 weeks.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland 1, Calif.

Atwood's Catalogue of U.S. & Canadian Transportation Tokens, 1958 edition...for sale at \$7.50 postpaid (\$5.50 to A.V.A. members) for the cloth-bound or loose-leaf edition. You need this book to understand tokens. All numbers referred to in The Fare Box come from this book. American Vecturist Assn. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston 4, Massachusetts  
400 tokens for sale at \$50.00.

Ralph Freiberg - 632 Ashbury Street - San Francisco 17, Calif.  
For Sale at Catalogue: (Or Will Trade): Ga 60 S, 450 A B C; Pa 820 A; NY 615 D E F G, 760 A B C, 830 C (broad & slim S); Pa 25 D, 190 A, 750 V AN A0.

A.A. Gibbons - 300 Lenox Road - Brooklyn 26, N.Y.

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F.J. Bingen - Ringbaan West 260 - Tilburg, Netherlands

For Sale: Unidentified #58 (Ward's Lake Superior Line) at \$1.00. Also "New York and Albany Peoples Line of Steam Boats" timetable for sale at 75¢ each...and another timetable "N.Y.C.R.R. EX-TRAIR LEAVE ALBANY..." at \$1.50. (see list in this issue)

George Fuld - 24 Plymouth Road - Wakefield, Mass.

For Sale: 25 different U.S. transportation tokens for \$2.50 postpd.

J.M. Coffee Jr. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston 4, Mass.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

291 Robert Kelley - 3108 Wooster Place - Cincinnati 11, Ohio  
Age 32; Tool Maker. 200 tokens.

292 Dominic DiBenedetto - 384 Potters Ave. - Providence 7, R.I.  
Age 45; Carpenter Flask Maker. 400 tokens.

J-293 Larry Bosler - 5417 Howland Street - Philadelphia 24, Penna.  
Age 18; Electronic Technician.

294 Orison G. Jones - 457 Elm Avenue - Woodbury, New Jersey  
Age 50; U.S. Government.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

94 R.K. Moulton - 4127 Bedford Road - Detroit 24, Michigan  
202 Winifred Perry - 4013 Roseland (Apt. B) - Houston, Texas

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Please, won't you send me your \$3.00 dues for your 1959 dues if you have not already done so? I have received dues from over 75% of our membership, but we need everybody's dues. Before you put away this issue, place your \$3.00 in an envelope and send it to me.  
Thank you.

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City Rapid Transit Co. of Fayetteville, N.C., has been succeeded by A.T. Watson Transit Co., which now operates the buses there...initials "D & W" on Mass 550 C & D stand for "Dartmouth & Westport Division" which was the interurban section, operating several miles out of New Bedford to Lincoln Park and beyond.

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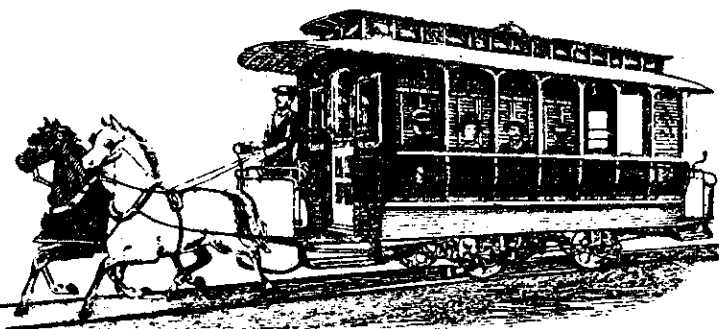
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CARROLL MORGAN

IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT I MUST REPORT THE PASSING OF CARROLL MORGAN, A.V.A. 130, ON JANUARY 30, 1959. MR. MORGAN WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER, AND THE MANY COLLECTORS WHO CORRESPONDED WITH HIM WILL MISS HIM FOR A LONG TIME. HE WAS 67.

MR. DAWSON AGAIN ASKS ME TO REMIND MEMBERS TO SEND IN THEIR \$3 1959 A.V.A. DUES, IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO. IF YOU DON'T GET IT IN BY APRIL 1, YOU WILL BE DROPPED AS A MEMBER. SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT RIGHT AWAY.

MR. F.B. SMITH (14 MILLER STILE RD., QUINCY 69, MASS.) STILL HAS A FEW ANNIVERSARY MEDALS AVAILABLE FOR \$1.04 EACH. AN ARTICLE IN THE MARCH NUMISMATIST ILLUSTRATES BOTH THE MEDAL AND THE BRATTLEBORO TOKEN, AND A NUMBER OF COIN COLLECTORS HAVE ORDERED THEM. SO THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET ONE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL HORSECAR 10TH ANNIVERSARY MEDALS.

THE FARE BOX, WHICH IS TRADITIONALLY LATE, IS NOW IN AN EFFORT TO CATCH UP. THE MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE WILL BE MARCH 30, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE THE APRIL ISSUE OUT BY APRIL 15, AND EACH ISSUE THEREAFTER ON THE 10TH OF ITS RESPECTIVE MONTH. UNTIL WE CATCH UP, BECAUSE ISSUES WILL BE LESS THAN 3 WEEKS APART, THERE WILL BE FEWER PAGES THAN USUAL. IN THE MEANTIME WE HOPE OUR READERS WILL GET USED TO OUR NEW TYPE-FACE. THIS IS THE FIRST ISSUE TO BE DONE BY THE EDITOR'S NEW TYPEWRITER.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

FELLOW MEMBERS: FIRST OF ALL A MUCH BELATED THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SO KINDLY REMEMBERED ME THE PAST HOLIDAY SEASON WITH YOUR CHEERY AND MUCH APPRECIATED CHRISTMAS CARDS. AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL IF I SHALL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION IN CALIFORNIA. LAST FALL I MOVED INTO A NEW HOME, AND TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, IT WILL BE A MATTER OF FINANCES THAT WILL PROBABLY KEEP ME FROM MEETING WITH YOU. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I MUST ANNOUNCE THIS, BUT UNLESS A MIRACLE HAPPENS I SHALL HAVE TO MISS VISITING ONE OF THE STATES I'D LIKE TO SEE.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

AT THIS TIME I HEREBY ISSUE A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS. ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN AND NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE BY ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. NOMINATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND SIGNED, THEN FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY, MR. MORTON H. DAWSON 182 WHITING LANE - WEST HARTFORD 7, CONN. NOMINATIONS, ALONG WITH THE ACTION OF EACH NOMINEE, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FARE BOX FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS. NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE MIDNIGHT MAY 2, 1959. ANY POSTMARKED LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE NOMINATIONS SO DO SO AT ONCE AND DO NOT YELL WHEN THE DOOR IS CLOSED. OFFICES TO BE NOMINATED: PRESIDENT - VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY - TREASURER - CURATOR.

FRATERNALLY,

WILLIAM E. EISENBERG, Pres.

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## NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

FIRST OFF, LET'S WELCOME TO NEW ISSUES SERVICE THIS MONTH ROBERT KELLEY OF CINCINNATI AND W. VON BOLTENSTERN OF LOS ANGELES. THE FOLLOWING WILL BE COMING YOUR WAY SOME TIME THIS MONTH (C TOKENS): GA 580 I [FIRST USED IN APRIL 1956 AS SCHOOL FARE. THIS LINE OPERATES 10 DIFFERENT LINES, IN ADDITION TO SCHOOL RUNS; THE 10 LINES HAVE 50 SCHEDULED RUNS; CO. HAS 72 BUS OPERATORS, 20 MECHANICS, 5 HELPERS, 6 OFFICE PERSONNEL.] ALSO COMING YOUR WAY: OHIO 860 L M N, WHICH ARE D E G WHICH HAVE BEEN BRONZE-PLATED FOR A FARE RAISE. ALSO OHIO 975 B, A SCHOOL TOKEN WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE SEPT. 1958 [CO. OPERATES 2 FULL TIME BUSES AND 1 EXTRA FOR RUSH HOURS]. AND FINALLY, CALIF 205 H, CULVER CITY.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE TROLLEY CAR WAS INVENTED BY TWO AMERICANS? VAN DEPOELE AND SPRAGUE, 1884-87 (FROM WORLD ALMANAC, 1943).

- JOHN G. NICOLosi

THE EXCHANGE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS IS MAKING A FEW REVISIONS IN ITS MODE OF OPERATION. THE EXCHANGE SERVICE FROM NOW ON WILL ACCEPT ONLY COMPLETE U.S. WANT-LISTS OF 15-CENT ITEMS AND TO THOSE SENDING IN THEIR COMPLETE WANT-LISTS OF SUCH TOKENS WE SHALL SEND A LIST OF TOKENS FOR SALE AT 20 CENTS AND ABOVE, AND FOR THE FOREIGN COLLECTORS A LIST OF FOREIGN TOKENS FOR SALE AT 10 CENTS AND ABOVE. THE RESPONSE AND APPROVAL OF THIS SERVICE IS INVERSELY AS THE SIZE OF THE COLLECTIONS. FOR THE U.S. COLLECTIONS OF OVER 3,000 DIFFERENT THE NUMBER SUPPLIED TO COLLECTORS IS SMALL. FOR EXAMPLE ATWOOD GOT 2 COMMONS HE WAS MISSING, FROM ARKANSAS AND KENTUCKY. FOR THE COLLECTOR IN THE 2,000-3,000 CATEGORY, A NUMBER HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM HAPPY. FOR THE U.S. COLLECTOR UNDER 2,000 THIS EXCHANGE HAS PROVED, ACCORDING TO REPLIES, A BOON. A NUMBER OF THE COLLECTORS SAID THAT THEY HAD TO CIRCULATE AS MANY AS TEN LISTS TO GET 100 ITEMS SENT THEM, AND THEN 20 TO 30 WOULD BE DUPES WHICH THEY HAD TO RETURN, AND SOME OF THE PARTIES WHO HAD COMMONS WOULD NOT SELL BUT WANTED TO TRADE THEIR COMMON DUPES FOR SCARCER ITEMS THE NEW COLLECTOR DID NOT HAVE.

A NUMBER OF OUR LARGER COLLECTORS WHO ENGAGE IN THIS PRACTISE OF FORCING THE NEW OR SMALL COLLECTOR TO TRADE ARE DISCOURAGING THEM AND HURTING OUR HOBBY. THE ONLY DUPES I HOLD OUT MYSELF TO TRADE ARE CENSUS OR NEAR-CENSUS DUPES. AT PRESENT I HAVE JUST OVER 30 DUPES FOR TRADE (ONE APIECE) OF ITEMS ON THE 1955 CENSUS OR 1958 CENSUS. ON FOREIGNS I DON'T HOLD ANYTHING BACK; SELL IT ALL AS WHO HAS ANY FOREIGNS TO TRADE ME. THESE SMALL COLLECTORS SAY THAT IT IS NICE TO SEND TO AN EXCHANGE WHERE THEY CAN GET LOTS OF COMMON 15-CENT TOKENS AT 15 CENTS. TO THE SMALL COLLECTOR UNDER 2,000 U.S. THE EXCHANGE WILL GLADLY GIVE ITS ATTENTION TO YOUR WANT-LIST (IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SENT IN).

AS TO INQUIRIES AS TO WHEN THE EXCHANGE IS GOING TO RUN ITS NEXT AUCTION, THE ANSWER IS AS SOON AS I CAN GET MY HANDS ON A GOOD-SIZE COLLECTION TO BREAK UP AND AUCTION OFF. WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU NEW COLLECTORS.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

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TERRE HAUTE TRANSIT CO. WILL OPERATE BUSES IN EVANSVILLE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF EVANSVILLE COACH LINES WHICH WENT DEFUNCT...LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSIT OF ALLENTOWN, PA., HAS DROPPED TOKENS AND GONE TO A 20¢ FARE....SHENANGO VALLEY TRANSP. CO. IS BEING BOUGHT BY THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, PA...MEADVILLE CITY LINES (PA.) IS SEEKING TO RAISE FARES FROM 15 TO 20¢ WITH A NEW 3/55¢ TOKEN...ALL TROLLEY BUSES IN YOUNGSTOWN, O., SWITCH TO GAS ON JUNE 1.

FOR SALE OR TRADE AT CATALOGUE: ARK 480 Q; CONN 290 G (VARS)  
FLA 530 C F; GA 450 A B C; ILL 765 A; IND 270 A; IA 30 F; KY  
530 A; MASS 115 N; MINN 190 B C; NJ 885 A; NY 760 A C; ND 440  
B; OHIO 640 A; PA 25 D E, 750 V.

A.A. GIBBONS - 300 LENOX ROAD - BROOKLYN 26, N.Y.

FOR SALE - COMPLETE ISSUES OF THE FARE BOX WITHOUT FOREIGN  
CHECK LISTS, FROM OCTOBER 1953 TO MARCH 1958 INCLUSIVE. NEW  
CONDITION. IF INTERESTED MAKE ME AN OFFER.

L.A. HENSLEY - 1616 SPENCER ST. - OMAHA 10, NEB.

WILL TRADE THE FOLLOWING, TOKEN FOR TOKEN: ONT 325 A FOR P,  
675 F FOR E, QUE 620 T FOR MAN 200 C, SCARCE N. SCOR. 100 A  
FOR 200 B, NEB 700 B FOR A, NY 800 A FOR WYO 600 A, TEX 255 A  
FOR B, 255 F FOR E, OKLA 640 A FOR B, R.I. 700 B FOR A, W.VA.  
200 A OR B FOR F, WISC 430 A & B FOR C & D, OR D & E FOR C &  
D, WYO 100 D FOR 150 A.

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IRVING H. GOULD - 1472 W. BERWYN AVE. - CHICAGO 40, ILL.

FOR TRADE - PA 495 G (RED CELLULOID), CATALOGS \$3.50. LET ME  
KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER.

MORTON H. DAWSON - 182 WHITING LANE - WEST HARTFORD 7, CT.

FOR SALE: 400 DIFFERENT U.S. TOKENS FOR \$50.00.

RALPH FREIBERG - 632 ASHBURY ST. - SAN FRANCISCO 17, CAL.

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THE STANDARD OF THE HOBBY. 432 PAGES, ILLUSTRATED. PRICE  
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MEMBERS OF A.V.A.: \$5.50 POSTPAID.

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### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

295 Irwin V. JOHNSON - WINCHESTER ROAD - WINSTED, CONN.  
AGE 65, RETIRED. 450 TOKENS.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

199 FAYE M. PALMER - 1231 WEST 104TH STREET - LOS ANGELES 44.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC RAILWAY MUSEUM IS MAKING ARRANG-  
MENTS WITH THE CITY OF COLUSA, CALIF., TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE  
STREETCARS ON THE STREETS OF THAT CITY ON WEEKENDS. TRACKS  
ARE NOW USED BY SACRAMENTO NORTHERN RY. FOR FREIGHT SERVICE,  
AND HAVEN'T BEEN USED FOR PASSENGER SERVICE SINCE OCTOBER 31,  
1941. THE MUSEUM NEEDS FUNDS TO RE-ELECTRIFY THE LINE, HOW-  
EVER. AVID RAIL FANS MAY GET FURTHER INFORMATION, OR MAKE  
CONTRIBUTIONS, BY WRITING BOB McVAY, 9 EAST NORWICH DRIVE,  
STOCKTON 4, CALIF. THIS IS ONE WAY TO KEEP THE TROLLEYS RUN-

CALIFORNIA

CULVER CITY 205 (REPORTED BY FRANKLIN SNYDER)  
MUNICIPAL BUS LINE CULVER CITY, CALIF.(BUS)  
H WM 16 BALL GOOD FOR LOCAL ZONE RIDE (BUS)(2 SLOTS) .20

GEORGIA

MACON 580 (REPORTED BY W.G. PHILLIPS)  
BIBB TRANSIT COMPANY B  
I Bz 23 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE)(SCHOOL TOKEN) .15

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO 150 (REPORTED BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.)  
ABO A 29 Sd [LIKE 150 M BUT 12 ON BOTH SIDES, NOT 18] 3.50

OHIO

TOLEDO 860 (REPORTED BY JOHN G. NICOLosi)  
L WM 16 CH (LIKE 860 D BUT BRONZE-PLATED) .25  
M WM 16 T (LIKE 860 E " " " ) .25  
N WM 16 T (LIKE 860 G " " " ) .25

WOOSTER 975 (REPORTED BY DANIEL DiMICHAEL)  
WOOSTER TRANSPORTATION CO.  
B WM 23 W GOOD FOR ONE FARE (SCHOOL TOKEN) .15

MANUFACTURER'S SAMPLES

GROUP 6  
U WM 16 A GOOD FOR ONE FARE

GROUP 18  
B WM 18 T GOOD FOR ONE FARE

GROUP 19  
Q Bz 16 BALL GOOD FOR ONE FARE  
R WM 16 O " " " "  
S A 16 CH TOKEN NON TRANSFERABLE

GROUP 22  
C Bz 16 BAR ALLOCATED TOKEN (BUS)

GROUP 23  
B Bz 22 Sd FOR USE ON RIDES MFD. BY THE BERT LANE CO.  
/INC.

## NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

FIRST OF ALL WE HAVE A NEW TOKEN FROM CULVER CITY. IT SEEMS THAT MOST OF THE CITIES IN THIS AREA ARE GETTING THE SAME FARE RATES. THE CULVER CITY TOKEN WAS FIRST USED ON FEB. 1, 1959. RATES IN THIS AREA WHICH ALSO ARE AT 6 FOR \$1 ARE. LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WHICH STILL USES THE 16MM TOKENS OF LOS ANGELES RAILWAY); LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES; PACIFIC ELECTRIC CO.; AND GLENDALE CITY LINES (16MM TOKENS).

NEXT THE BIBB TRANSIT TOKEN. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED ON THE TOKEN, IT IS USED AS A SCHOOL TOKEN AND THE NEW SIZE CAME ABOUT BY USE OF DIFFERENT FARE BOXES. TOKEN WAS FIRST USED IN APRIL 1956, SO IT WAS ABOUT 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  YEARS BEFORE WE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT. NOW THAT WE HAVE A MORE ACTIVE COLLECTOR IN THIS AREA (W.G. PHILLIPS) POSSIBLY WE'LL BE BETTER INFORMED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON THERE THAN IN THE PAST.

MR. COFFEE FOUND THE OLD CHICAGO TOKEN. I BELIEVE THIS COMPANY OPERATED IN THE 1890'S, AND THE REASON FOR THE VARIOUS NUMBERS ON THE TOKENS IS NOT KNOWN (PROBABLY FOR DIFFERENT STATIONS ON THE ROUTE). I BELIEVE THIS PARTICULAR LINE IS NOW PART OF THE CHICAGO ELEVATED ROUTE RUNNING TO THE SOUTH SIDE. I WAS JUST WONDERING IF IT WOULD BE BETTER, WHEN LISTING TOKENS WHERE WE PREVIOUSLY LISTED THE OBERSE, JUST TO MENTION SOMETHING LIKE "SAME AS 150 M" AND THEN EXPLAIN WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE NEWLY LISTED TOKEN. BY TYPING IN THIS WAY I BELIEVE IT WOULD SHOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER TOKENS PREVIOUSLY LISTED WITH THE SAME OBERSE.

TOLEDO WENT TO A 25¢ CASH FARE WITH TOKEN RATE OF 5 FOR \$1.10 ON JAN. 16, 1959, AND AS THEY HAD A GOOD SUPPLY OF TOKENS ON HAND THEY JUST PLATED THEM. I DOUBT IF THE ZINC 860 F WAS INTENDED TO BE PLATED, BUT POSSIBLY SOME MAY TURN UP.

I DON'T KNOW WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE REPORTED THE WOOSTER, O., TOKEN. UNDERSTAND SOMEONE HAD SOME AT THE LAST CONVENTION, AND WHEN MR. DIMICHAEL ASKED HOW COME IT WASN'T LISTED, ALL I COULD SAY WAS THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT. IT WAS USED AS A SCHOOL TOKEN, FIRST USED IN SEPTEMBER, 1958.

NO PRICES ON THE MANUFACTURER'S SAMPLES AS THEY AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE USED AS FARES, THOUGH NOW AND THEN THEY SHOW UP IN FARE BOXES. HOWEVER THE LAST TOKEN LISTED, GROUP 23, IS ONE OF THOSE KIDDIE CAR TOKENS, WHICH WAS REPORTED BY MORT DAWSON WHO OCCASIONALLY PICKS UP VARIOUS TOKENS THRU AN EXCHANGE. BERT LANE CO. IS IN FLORIDA BUT THESE AMUSEMENT DEVICES ARE LOCATED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, SO IF YOU KNOW OF ANY SPECIAL PLACE WHERE USED, LET US KNOW SO WE CAN GET THEM FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE.

THE MONTGOMERY, ALA., TOKEN LISTED A FEW MONTHS BACK WAS IN USE AWHILE BEFORE WE KNEW ABOUT. MR. ATWOOD SAID HE PASSED THRU MONTGOMERY RECENTLY AND THE FARE WAS 15¢ STRAIGHT. PROBABLY THEY DON'T CARE TO SELL TOKENS WHILE NOT ON A TOKEN RATE, SO PERHAPS THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THEM.



# THE FARE BOX

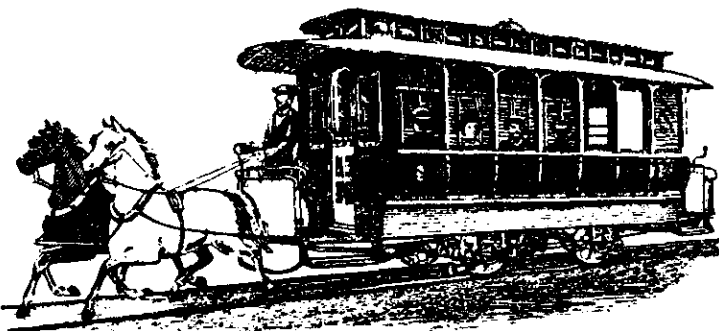
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WITH THE APRIL ISSUE, WHICH WILL GO OUT IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS, THE FARE BOX WILL NEARLY BE ON TIME AGAIN. WITH THAT ISSUE OUR ISSUES SHOULD BE BACK TO NORMAL SIZE AGAIN.

COLLECTORS WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT OUR ANNIVERSARY BRATTLEBORO TOKENS WERE OFFICIALLY PLACED IN USE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, AND ARE STILL BEING USED. THE OCCASION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ARTICLE IN THE BRATTLEBORO NEWSPAPER IN WHICH IT TELLS ABOUT OUR HOBBY AND ASSOCIATION.

RECENTLY THE EDITOR TOOK A COUNT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TOKENS LISTED IN ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE, INCLUDING ALL SUPPLEMENTS TO DATE. THERE ARE 5,253 MAJOR LETTER VARIETIES OF U.S. TOKENS (UP THRU THE MARCH 1959 SUPPLEMENT).

D. M. PEEBLES, FORMER CO-EDITOR OF THE FARE BOX, RECENTLY WROTE YOUR EDITOR AND SENT 6 EARLY ISSUES OF THE FARE BOX, WHICH HE ASKED ME TO LET ANY READERS WHO WISH THEM, PURCHASE AT 54¢ EACH. THEY ARE IN RATHER NICE CONDITION, AND ARE REALLY WORTH MORE THAN THAT. THEY ARE: AUG., OCT., NOV., 1947; FEB., JULY, AUG., 1948. THESE OLD MOORE ISSUES ARE VERY RARE; PLEASE DON'T WRITE FOR THEM UNLESS YOU NEED THEM FOR YOUR SET.

THE NEW DISCOVERIES FROM WEATHERFORD, TEX., LISTED IN THIS ISSUE, WOULD PROVIDE QUITE AN INTERESTING TALE OF HOW THEY WERE FOUND. A LITTLE EFFORT ON THE PART OF COLLECTORS USUALLY IS WELL REWARDED, AS THESE TOKENS INDICATE. THERE ARE STILL MANY OLD RARE TOKENS LYING UNDISCOVERED SOMEWHERE.



IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE FEW WHO HAVE NOT YET SENT IN YOUR 1959 MEMBERSHIP DUES: REMEMBER THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX YOU WILL RECEIVE. OUR DUES ARE ONLY \$3.00 ANNUALLY. PLEASE SEND ME YOUR DUES TODAY.

PRESIDENT EISENBERG ISSUED A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ALL OFFICES OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX. I HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE NOMINATION FOR EACH OFFICE, SO FAR. BUT IF YOU HAVE A NOMINATION YOU WISH TO MAKE, PLEASE NOTIFY ME BEFORE THE MAY 2 [MIDNIGHT] DEADLINE.

FRATERNALLY,

MORTON H. DAWSON, SECY.  
182 WHITING LANE  
WEST HARTFORD 7, CONN.

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 296 ARTHUR E. CARLSON - 335 WYANDOTTE ST. - BETHLEHEM, PA.  
AGE 51; STEELWORKER.
- 297 LEE R. SANDERS - 854 BOURBONNAIS ROAD - KANKAKEE, ILL.  
AGE 46; WELDER. 600 TOKENS.
- 298 DORIS B. KELLY - 5014 N.E. 25TH AVE. - PORTLAND 11, ORE.  
AGE 50; CERAMIC INSPECTOR.

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### THE NEW MONTREAL BRIDGE TOKENS

BY J.A.W. CASSIDY

QUEBEC 620 U WAS ISSUED AS THE RESULT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RY., OWNERS OF VICTORIA BRIDGE, AND THE FEDERAL GOVT., OWNERS OF JACQUES CARTIER BRIDGE. IT WAS PLANNED THAT BOTH BRIDGES WOULD USE SIMILAR TOKEN COLLECTING MACHINES AT THE SAME TIME. TOKENS FOR USE ON BOTH BRIDGES, 620 U, CALLED "JEWELS" WERE STRUCK. HOWEVER, VICTORIA BRIDGE INSTALLED ITS TOKEN MACHINES FIRST, AND WHEN IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE CARTIER BRIDGE WOULD BE SOME TIME GETTING THEIRS, THE VICTORIA BRIDGE WENT AHEAD AND ORDERED 500,000 OTHER TOKENS, 620 R S AND T, GOOD ONLY ON THE VICTORIA BRIDGE. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH IT WAS PLANNED TO RETURN THE "JEWELS," THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN BECAUSE PEOPLE DIDN'T USE THE R S AND T AS FAST AS THEY PURCHASED THEM. HENCE THERE RAPIDLY DEVELOPED A SHORTAGE OF THE R S AND T...SO THE BRIDGE HAD TO PUT SOME OF THE "JEWELS" INTO CIRCULATION TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND FOR TOKENS. MEANWHILE 200,000 TO 250,000 MORE OF R S AND T WERE ORDERED. SO THE USE OF 620 U WAS REALLY BASED ON NECESSITY. ON AN AVERAGE DAY ABOUT 15,000 MOTOR CARS CROSS VICTORIA BRIDGE. ON A PEAK DAY, THE VOLUME IS ABOUT 24,000.

AT THIS WRITING I HAVE NOTHING TO SEND IN NEW ISSUES, ALTHOUGH AM WORKING ON 2 PROSPECTS, SO WILL PROBABLY HAVE THESE 2 TO SEND YOU IN APRIL. EVERY SO OFTEN WE GET AS NEW ISSUES PLATED TOKENS, AND IN MOST CASES THESE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF WEAR BEFORE BEING PLATED. SO I CAN'T ALWAYS SEND YOU BRAND NEW SHINY TOKENS; I HAVE TO ACCEPT WHAT THE COMPANY SENDS ME. OF COURSE SOMETIMES THEY SEND ME SOME THAT ARE MUTILATED, AND I RETURN THESE FOR BETTER ONES, AS IN THE CASE OF OHIO 860 M. BUT AS A WHOLE WE HAVEN'T DONE SO BADLY AS FAR AS GETTING BRAND NEW TOKENS...90%. SOMETIMES IT'S DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO GET TOKENS IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM FROM SOME COMPANIES, BUT AS A RULE MOST COMPANIES COOPERATE. I CANNOT GET ENOUGH OHIO 860 O [ZINC-PLATED WITH BRASS] TO SEND TO YOU, SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THIS ONE. ALSO I CANNOT SUPPLY ALA 570 F AS I'VE EXHAUSTED EVERY SOURCE I KNOW. SORRY ABOUT THE DELAY IN SENDING WASH 80 J; A FEW OF YOU HAVE ASKED ABOUT IT. I'LL SEND AS SOON AS I RECEIVE THEM.

I DON'T LIKE TO HAVE TO REMIND YOU, BUT SOME N.I.S. MEMBERS HAVE FORGOTTEN TO RENEW THEIR BALANCE. WHEN YOU ONLY HAVE A DOLLAR'S CREDIT OR LESS, LEFT IN THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE, I MUST ASK YOU TO SEND ANOTHER \$3.50 DEPOSIT. UNLESS YOU KEEP YOUR BALANCE OVER A DOLLAR, I'LL HAVE TO STOP SENDING TOKENS TO YOU...OTHERWISE IN EFFECT I'M USING MY OWN MONEY TO PAY FOR THEM. WILL APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING CARE OF THIS.

- JOHN G. NICOLosi

### CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS MEET

THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE ASSN. OF CALIF. TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS WAS HELD SUNDAY, FEBR. 8, 2 P.M., AT CLIFTON'S CAFETERIA, 5000 LAKEWOOD BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIF. REGULAR MEMBERS ATTENDING INCLUDED ATWOOD, CUTLER, MILLER, ROHRER, ROSS, AND K. SMITH. IN ADDITION MR. VON BOLTENSTERN WAS WELCOMED TO HIS FIRST MEETING, AND MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT F.P. SNYDER HAS BECOME OUR 34TH MEMBER. VISITORS INCLUDED MRS. ROHRER AND MRS. ROSS. AGAIN THE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS THE COMING A.V.A. CONVENTION IN SANTA MONICA. A MOTION WAS MADE AND CARRIED TO RAISE THE MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM \$1 FOR A 2-YEAR PERIOD TO \$1 PER YEAR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1959. THEREFORE ANYONE JOINING OR RENEWING MEMBERSHIP AFTER JUNE 1 WILL BE AFFECTED. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO HAVE SLIDES MADE OF 60 OF MR. ATWOOD'S RARE TOKENS, BEGINNING WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EVENTUALLY HAVING SLIDES MADE OF ALL RARE TOKENS OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB. THESE SLIDES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO A.V.A. FOR A REVISED EDITION OF ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE AT SOME FUTURE DATE. A SALE AND EXCHANGE OF TOKENS FOLLOWED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE MEETING, WHICH ADJOURNED AT 4:30 P.M.

- EDRICK J. MILLER, TREAS.

FOR SALE, STAMPED ENVELOPE PLEASE (PRICED AT CAT. VALUE):  
OHIO 165 T U; NC 630 A; PA 70 A B; MINN 600 A B. HAVE QUITE  
A FEW OF THE MORE COMMON DUFES IF YOU CARE TO SEND ME YOUR  
WANT LISTS. FOR TRADE ONLY: NY 800 A; KY 510 BS; NY 785 D.  
JOHN G. NICOLASI - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.  
FOR SALE - INDIANA 610 E, REV. B OR C, 10 CENTS EACH PLUS  
STAMPED ENVELOPE.

CHARLES H. LIPSKY - 1225 DAY ST. - GALESBURG, ILL.  
FOR SALE - NATIONAL CHECK & PREMIUM LIST OF ALL U.S. TRANS-  
PORTATION TOKENS. COMPILED BY ATWOOD. FIRST EDITION. COM-  
PLETE WITH 2 NICE RING BINDERS AND INDEXES, OR WITHOUT THEM.  
NEW CONDITION, EXCEPT SOME INK NOTATIONS IN 4 STATES. IF IN-  
TERESTED MAKE ME AN OFFER.

L.A. HENSLEY - 1616 SPENCER ST. - OMAHA 10, NEBR.  
WRITE TO R.K. FRISBEE FOR NEW DENVER TOKEN (COLO 260 M). SEND  
10¢ & STAMPED ENVELOPE. DO NOT WRITE TO BANK AS THEY WON'T  
ANSWER.

R.K. FRISBEE - 211 KING ST. - DENVER 19, COLO.  
WILL BUY AND TRADE FOREIGN TOKENS. TRADE NETHERLANDS AND EUR-  
OPEAN TRANSFERS AND TRANSPORT TICKETS, ETC., FOR U.S. AND FOR-  
EIGN TOKENS. 12 DIFFERENT TICKETS FOR ONE TOKEN. SEVERAL  
SETS OF 12 AVAILABLE. WILL SEND THEM BY 2ND CLASS MAIL, NO  
AIRMAIL. HAVE PORCELAIN COINS. WILL TRADE THEM FOR FOREIGN  
TOKENS. SEND YOUR TOKENS TO:

F.J. BINGEN - RINGBAAN WEST 260 - TILBURG, NETHERLANDS  
WEATHERFORD, TEXAS, DEPOTELS FOR SALE. TEX 965 E AT \$2 EACH.  
TEX 965 G AND H AT \$1.50 EACH; PLUS POSTAGE. HAVE TO CHARGE  
OVER CAT. PRICE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PRICE I HAD TO PAY FOR  
THESE TOKENS. AT THESE PRICES, THEY ARE PRACTICALLY GOING TO  
YOU AT COST. ALSO, WILL TRADE ONLY FOR RARE U.S. TOKENS I  
NEED, THE FOLLOWING RARE FOREIGN TOKENS: JAMAICA 300 A;  
GERMANY 425 A, 925 D; PERU 500 C; LIKE SPAIN 400 A BUT "6 CEN-  
TAVOS"; URUGUAY 650 A; ARGENTINA 150 D.

J.M. COFFEE JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

#### A.V.A. MEMBERS ONLY

MAY I OFFER MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO PURCHASED  
OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY TOKEN, AND FOR THE MANY COMPLIMENTARY  
LETTERS RECEIVED. I AM HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN OF SERVICE. 300  
TOKENS WERE STRUCK AND 207 HAVE BEEN SOLD. HOWEVER, ONLY 86  
MEMBERS HAVE PURCHASED ONE OR MORE. THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER  
OF MEMBERS WHO AGREED TO PURCHASE, BUT AS YET HAVE NOT DONE SO.  
COULD YOU BE ONE OF THIS NUMBER? AT LEAST 60 MORE TOKENS MUST  
BE SOLD FOR A.V.A. TO BREAK EVEN. YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT WILL BE  
GREATLY APPRECIATED. = F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD.,  
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A HORSE-DRAWN AND GRAVITY WOODEN TRAMWAY WAS OPERATED IN 1807  
ON BEACON HILL IN BOSTON. THIS IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS THE  
FIRST RAILROAD OPERATION IN AMERICA.

## MARCH SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

TEXAS

WEATHERFORD		965	[REPORTED BY J.M. COFFEE & J.G. NICOLOSI]	
			C.C. BAKER BUS LINE GOOD FOR A RIDE	
B o B	32 Pc		(BLANK)(OBVERSE LETTERS INCUSE)	\$3.50
			BAKERS TRANSFER GOOD TO RETURN FROM	
			/HOTELS ONLY	
C o B	28 Sd		WEATHERFORD TEXAS (THE WORDS "BAKERS	
			/TRANSFER" AND "ONLY" ARE INCUSE ON THE	
			/OBVERSE, AND REVERSE INSCRIPTION IS	
			/INCUSE)	3.50
			BAKER'S TRANSFER WEATHERFORD TEXAS	
D o B	28 Sd		GOOD FOR 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> RIDE	3.50
			BAKER'S TRANSFER. GOOD ONLY FROM HOTELS.	
			/POSITIVELY GOOD ONLY FOR THIS TRIP.	
E o Fy	39 Pc		(NUMERALS)	1.50
F o Fp	39 Pc		(NUMERALS)	1.50
G o Fy	39 Pc		(NUMERALS & DAYS OF THE WEEK)	1.00
H o Fp	39 Pc		(NUMERALS & DAYS OF THE WEEK)	1.00

## NOTES ON THE WEATHERFORD TOKENS

BY J.M. COFFEE

RALPH FREIBERG ASKED ME TO WRITE THE NOTES ON THESE TOKENS BECAUSE I WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THEIR DISCOVERY. THIS LINE WAS OPERATED FROM 1879 TO 1923 BY CHAUNCEY CYRUS BAKER, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF WEATHERFORD. HIS DAUGHTER WRITES: "IN THOSE DAYS THE ONLY PHONES IN TOWN WERE THE ONES MY FATHER INSTALLED IN HIS HOME, HOTELS, AND DEPOTS. HIS CARRIAGES AND LANDAUS WERE VERY FINE AND GRAND, AND OF COURSE DID NOT PAY FOR THEMSELVES IN A SMALL TOWN. BUT I SUPPOSE HE DID IT TO HELP WEATHERFORD MOSTLY. HE WAS TRULY A PIONEER CITIZEN AND LOCATED IN WEATHERFORD BEFORE THE TEXAS & PACIFIC RR CAME HERE. I HAVE HEARD HIM SAY THAT HE THREW THE FIRST SHOVEL OF DIRT WHEN THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE TOWN." SHE ADDS THAT MR. BAKER WAS A UNION VETERAN IN THE CIVIL WAR, ALTHOUGH BORN IN TEXAS.

FROM THE APPEARANCE OF THE TOKENS, I BELIEVE THAT THE 32MM BRASS TOKEN [B] WAS THE FIRST ONE USED, PROBABLY IN THE 1880'S. C AND D WERE PROBABLY USED A FEW YEARS LATER, PERHAPS IN THE 1890'S. THE ALUMINUM TOKEN [A] WOULD DATE FROM THE EARLY YEARS OF THIS CENTURY, AND THE FIBRE ONES UP UNTIL THE LINE CEASED TO OPERATE, IN 1923.

ONLY ONE OF THE 32MM BRASS TOKEN [B] WAS FOUND, SO IT IS A UNIQUE ITEM. A TOTAL OF FOUR OF C WERE FOUND, AND ONLY THREE OF D. SO THE BRASS TOKENS ARE ALL EXTREMELY RARE, AND IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT ANY MORE OF THEM WILL EVER TURN UP. A TOTAL OF ELEVEN OF E, ONLY FOUR OF F, EIGHTEEN OF G, AND

NINETEEN OF H, WERE FOUND. SO THE FIBRE ONES ARE QUITE SCARCE, AND THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY ALL THAT WILL EVER TURN UP. THE FIBRE TOKENS ARE PUNCHED TO INDICATE THE TIME AND DATE ISSUED. LATER, MR. BAKER OBVIOUSLY GOT TIRED OF KEEPING TRACK OF THE DATE OF THE MONTH, SO HAD HIS FIBRE TOKENS OVERPRINTED WITH THE DAYS OF THE WEEK. AT FIRST GLANCE, ONE WOULD THINK THAT THESE FIBRE TOKENS WERE USED ONLY ONCE, LIKE TICKETS. HOWEVER, AS THE PUNCHES ARE ALL AT 6, 7, 8, OR 9, IT WOULD INDICATE ONLY 4 DIFFERENT TRAINS MET. THE TOKENS WERE USED OVER AND OVER, THE PUNCH BEING USED MERELY TO INDICATE WHICH TRAIN THE PASSENGER ALIGHTED FROM. IT IS EVIDENT FROM THE CONDITION OF THE FIBRE TOKENS THAT, AFTER A WHILE, BAKER GAVE UP ALTOGETHER TRYING TO KEEP TRACK OF THE PUNCHES, AND HANDED OUT THE TOKENS INDISCRIMINATELY. THE WORDS "POSITIVELY GOOD ONLY FOR THIS TRIP" REFER TO THE RAILROAD TRIP, AND NOT THE TRIP ON BAKER'S VEHICLE.

DEPOTEL TOKENS, WHICH ARE ALMOST ALWAYS FROM CITIES LOCATED WHERE TWO RAILROAD LINES INTERSECT, WERE GENERALLY USED AS TRANSFERS. IN THE OLD DAYS PRIOR TO WORLD WAR I, WHEN MOST OF THEM WERE USED, THE PASSENGER ON A TRAIN TRIP WOULD OFTEN FIND IT NECESSARY TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER TRAIN AT SOME SMALL TOWN. HIS RAILROAD TICKET INCLUDED A COUPON INSCRIBED "TRANSFER" WHICH PROVIDED PASSAGE ON THE "TRANSFER LINE" WHICH OPERATED THE HORSE-DRAWN HACK RUNNING BETWEEN DEPOTS AND FROM DEPOTS TO HOTELS. BUT THE TRAIN TO WHICH THE PASSENGER WAS TRANSFERRING FREQUENTLY DIDN'T COME THRU TOWN TILL THE NEXT DAY. SO THE PASSENGER GAVE HIS "TRANSFER" COUPON TO THE HACK DRIVER, WHO TOOK HIM TO A HOTEL, AND GAVE THE PASSENGER A TOKEN FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE JOURNEY THE FOLLOWING DAY. HENCE MOST DEPOTEL TOKENS READ "GOOD ONLY FROM HOTEL TO DEPOT" OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT, AND RARELY EVER READ "GOOD FROM DEPOT TO HOTEL."

BUT THE HACK LINE, WHICH WAS OFTEN OPERATED BY THE OWNER OF THE LIVERY STABLE, ALSO DID LOCAL BUSINESS WHOLLY APART FROM HAULING PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE BETWEEN DEPOTS AND HOTELS. THUS TO ACCOMMODATE SUCH LOCAL BUSINESS, WE SOMETIMES HAVE "DEPOTEL" TOKENS, SUCH AS TEX 965 B AND D, WHICH WERE PROBABLY SOLD TO SUCH LOCAL PASSENGERS. (965 B WAS PROBABLY ISSUED BEFORE THE RAILROAD LINES WERE BUILT TO WEATHERFORD.)

DEPOTEL TOKENS ARE THE RAREST CATEGORY OF TRANSPORTATION TOKEN. NONE OF THEM ARE COMMON. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THEIR SCARCITY IS THEIR UNUSUALLY LARGE SIZE (MAKING IT IMPROBABLE THEY WOULD TURN UP, AS SMALLER TOKENS DO, IN VENDING MACHINES OR TRANSIT LINES IN OTHER CITIES). ANOTHER REASON IS BECAUSE FEW OF THEM WERE STRUCK IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE "TRANSFER LINE" WOULD ONLY CARRY A FEW PASSENGERS ON ANY GIVEN DAY, AND SUCH TOKENS AS WERE GIVEN TO THEM WERE PROMPTLY USED BY THE PASSENGER IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. SO IT WASN'T NECESSARY TO HAVE VERY MANY OF THEM. NEARLY ALL OF THEM WERE USED IN TOWNS IN THE MIDWEST AND, BECAUSE OF THEIR SIZE AND RARITY, IT IS VERY PROBABLE THAT MANY MORE OF THEM ARE WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED FROM VARIOUS LITTLE TOWNS ALONG RAILROAD LINES.

# THE FARE BOX

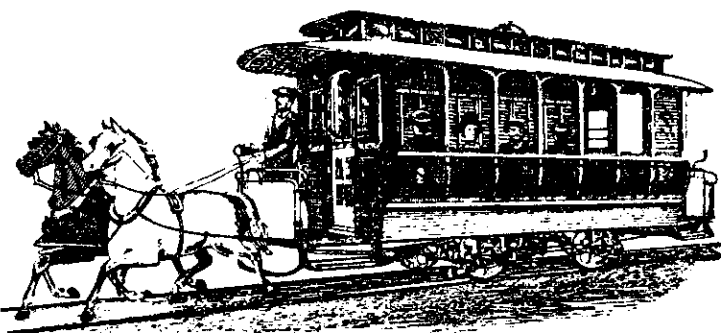
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THIS ISSUE, AS THE APRIL ISSUE DOES EVERY YEAR, CONTAINS THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER. THERE ARE 187 NAMES AND ADDRESSES, AND JUST ABOUT EVERY ONE OF THEM WOULD LIKE TO CORRESPOND WITH YOU.

THE EDITOR REGRETS THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO FILL ALL THE ORDERS HE RECEIVED FOR THE WEATHERFORD TOKENS. FRANKLY, I DID NOT BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE AS POPULAR AS THEY PROVED TO BE, AND I WAS SURPRISED AT THE DELUGE OF ORDERS THAT CAME IN. BUT WHEN DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY, AS IT DID THIS TIME, ONLY THOSE WHO GET ORDERS IN EARLY WILL GET THE TOKENS. SPEAKING OF WEATHERFORD, MISS BAKER RECENTLY SENT ME A LARGE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BAKER TRANSFER VEHICLES (3 OF THEM) LINED UP IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL. THEY ARE QUITE ELEGANT OMNIBUSES, SIMILAR TO VEHICLES IN USE IN NEW YORK IN THE 1840'S AND 1850'S. THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN ABOUT 1890. EACH OMNIBUS WAS NAMED AFTER ONE OF MR. BAKER'S DAUGHTERS.

NOMINATIONS FOR A.V.A. OFFICERS CLOSE MAY 2. HOWEVER, MR. DAWSON INFORMS ME HE IS GOING ON VACATION ABOUT APRIL 30, SO IF YOU PLAN TO NOMINATE SOMEBODY, YOU'D BETTER GET IT IN NOW.

REMEMBER THE A.V.A. CONVENTION AT SANTA MONICA, MEETING AUGUST 1-2 THIS YEAR. ROLAND ATWOOD TELLS ME MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SLOW IN ASKING FOR RESERVATIONS. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, YOU'D BETTER TELL ROLAND ABOUT IT. THIS OUGHT TO BE ONE OF OUR BEST CONVENTIONS YET. PLAN YOUR VACATION TO INCLUDE IT.



NEW TOKENS FROM BRAZIL  
BY HARRY C. BARTLEY

MR. BARTLEY HAS COME ACROSS SOME NEW TOKENS FROM RIO DE JANEIRO WHICH, PRESUMABLY, WILL BE LISTED IN THE NEW FOREIGN CHECK LIST.

RIO DE JANEIRO 750

	LOTACOES REAL LTDA.
PE 31 Sd	DEPOSITE NA CAIXA
PR 31 Sd	" " "
PY 31 Sd	" " "
	EMP. DE LOTACOES E L A ALIPIO LTDA
PB 31 Sd	DEPOSITE NA CAIXA
	AUTO VIACAO PARAENSE
PR 32 Sd	DEPOSITE NA CAIXA
	E.C.T. LTDA. [EMPRESA CAMPINEIRA DE TRANSPORTES]
PR 31 Sd	DEPOSITE NA CAIXA
	E.B.T.L. [EMPRESA BRASILEIRA DE TRANSPORTES LTD]
PG 31 Sd	DEPOSITE NA CAIXA
	TRANSPORTES MOSA LTDA
PE 31 Sd	E FAVOR COLOCAR A FICHA NA CAIXA
	CASTELO AUTO.ONIBUS S.A.
PR 31 Sd	DEPOSITE NA CAIXA
	VIACAO CR\$ 5.00 GLORIA
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PB 35 Sd	DEPOSITE NA CAIXA

TRANSLATIONS OF WORDING: CIA = COMPANHIA = COMPANY  
EMP = EMPRESA = ENTERPRISE  
LOTACOES = SMALL OMNIBUS  
CAIXA = BOX [FARE BOX]  
S.A. MEANS "INCORPORATED"

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THE STORY OF CLEVELAND'S 3-CENT FARE FIGHT OF 1907

OUR TOKENS OHIO 175 T THRU X WERE ISSUED AS A RESULT OF A LONG BATTLE WAGED BY MAYOR TOM JOHNSON, THE FIRST "REFORM MAYOR" IN AMERICA. JOHNSON, A 300-POUND CRUSADER, CAMPAIGNED FOR MAYOR WITH THE PLEDGE TO CUT FARES FROM 5¢ TO 3¢ ON STREETCARS. THIS WAS ONLY PART OF HIS MAJOR GOAL OF HAVING THE CITY OWN AND OPERATE THE SYSTEM--WHICH WAS SOMETHING OF A PARADOXICAL ATTITUDE, BECAUSE JOHNSON HAD MADE A FORTUNE THRU OWNERSHIP OF STREETCAR COMPANIES IN MANY CITIES. HE WON HIS FIGHT IN CLEVELAND; WAS ELECTED MAYOR, AND ON JANUARY 12, 1907, THE 3¢ FARE WENT INTO EFFECT ON THE CITY-OWNED SYSTEM. TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION, JOHNSON PILOTED THE FIRST STREETCAR UNDER THE NEW DISPENSATION. WHAT REMAINS A MYSTERY IS WHY ONE TOKEN IS DATED 1906, INASMUCH AS THE FARE DIDN'T GO INTO EFFECT TILL 1907. COULD IT BE THAT THEY WERE PROPAGANDA PIECES, STRUCK TO SIGNALIZE JOHNSON'S PROMISE, GIVEN OUT TO PROSPECTIVE VOTERS?



## APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

OHIO

TOLEDO 860 (REPORTED BY J.G. NICOLosi)  
 O Z 16 T [SAME AS 860 F BUT BRONZE-PLATED] \$0.25

ALASKA

FAIRBANKS 300 (REPORTED BY HARRY C. BARTLEY)  
 ALASKA OVERLAND, INC. FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
 / (FACE OF ESKIMO ABOVE THE MIDNIGHT SUN)  
 H WM 23 ST-SC GOOD FOR ONE FARE 49TH (MAP OF ALASKA) .50

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## NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THIS MONTH WE HAVE A SHORT SUPPLEMENT AS WE ARE WAITING FOR WORD ON A COUPLE OTHER TOKENS. FIRST, IN GETTING THE BZ-PLATED TOKENS FROM TOLEDO WE WERE ABLE TO FIND A FEW OF THE ZINC ONES THAT WERE BRONZE-PLATED SO EVIDENTLY THERE WAS NO EFFORT MADE TO SEPARATE THESE, AND THEY WERE PLATED ALONG WITH THE OTHERS. HOWEVER, IN GETTING SOME FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THESE FOR THE COMPANY CAN'T TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK EACH BRONZE-PLATED TOKEN TO SEE IF IT IS A ZINC-PLATED ONE. HOWEVER, IF ANYONE HAS A CHANCE TO GET THEM, THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE CAN USE A LOT OF THEM.

NEXT, FROM ALASKA, WE HAVE ONE OF THE BEST-LOOKING TOKENS WE'VE RUN ACROSS IN SOME TIME. MR. NICOLosi WILL TELL MORE ABOUT THIS TOKEN IN HIS OWN DEPARTMENT IN THIS ISSUE.

WE WERE ALSO SENT A TOKEN BY MR. BARRACLOUGH FOR A SCHOOL IN THE VICINITY OF MINNEAPOLIS. WE ARE NOT TOO SURE IF IT SHOULD BE LISTED FROM MINNEAPOLIS OR A LITTLE TOWN A FEW MILES OUT OF TOWN. MR. BARRACLOUGH WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO INTO HOSPITAL, AND WE HOPE THAT WHEN HE COMES OUT THINGS WILL BE A LOT BETTER. MEANWHILE A COUPLE OF MINNEAPOLIS MEMBERS ARE TRYING TO GET A SUPPLY OF THESE TOKENS FOR US, AS THEY MAY ALREADY BE OBSOLETE.

SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO COME UP WITH ANY OF THOSE LAUREL, MISS., TOKENS (MISS 500 C). IT SEEMS THE COMPANY WENT OUT OF BUSINESS BEFORE WE COULD OBTAIN ANY. I STILL NEED IT IN MY OWN COLLECTION, SO IF ANYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY OF GOING THROUGH 23MM TOKENS OF ANY COMPANY, AND SHOULD SPOT ANY OF 500 C, GRAB ONTO THEM, AND IF YOU GET AN EXTRA, REMEMBER ME! IF NONE ARE FOUND IT IS POSSIBLE THIS MIGHT END UP AS ONE OF OUR RAREST TOKENS.

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A MYSTERY IS THE ORIGIN OF A 23MM BRONZE TOKEN INSCRIBED LOCH HILL IDLEWYLDE BUS (BUS). CAN ANYONE HELP ON THIS ONE?

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### NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

THIS MONTH I SHALL SEND YOU (IF SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING) 3 NEW TOKENS. ONE I ALREADY HAVE, ALASKA 300 H, WHICH IS ONE OF THE HANDSOMEST TOKENS I'VE SEEN IN A LONG TIME. ALASKA OVERLAND WAS ORGANIZED IN 1953 AND AT THE PRESENT TIME IS THE LARGEST BUS TRANSPORTATION FIRM IN ALASKA. OPERATING BUSES UNDER THE SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS OF ALASKA HAS BECOME A SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT, WITH TEMPERATURES RANGING DOWN TO 65° BELOW ZERO, AND SNOWFALL REACHING, AT TIMES, A DEPTH OF 6 OR 7 FEET. ONE CAN READILY UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, TECHNIQUE, AND HARDY OPERATORS. ON DECEMBER 1, 1958, THESE TOKENS WERE FIRST PUT INTO USE, AND MAY BE USED ON ANY ROUTE THAT HAS A NORMAL 50¢ FARE. IT WAS DESIGNED BY MRS. BETTY WALKER, WIFE OF MR. CARY D. WALKER, CONTROLLER OF ALASKA OVERLAND, INC. IT DEPICTS AN ESKIMO FACE PEERING OUT OF A FUR-LINED PARKA IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE MIDNIGHT SUN, EMERGING OVER THE HORIZON. ON THE REVERSE IS AN OUTLINE MAP OF ALASKA, WITH "49TH" INSIDE OF IT, REPRESENTING, OF COURSE, THE 49TH STATE. THE STAR CUT OUT OF THE TOKEN REPRESENTS THE NEW STAR ADDED TO THE NATIONAL FLAG. ALASKA HAS OVER 588,400 SQUARE MILES AND IS ONE-FIFTH THE SIZE OF THE WHOLE U.S. WERE YOU TO PLACE A MAP OF ALASKA ONTO A MAP OF THE U.S. ALL 4 CORNERS OF THE U.S. WOULD BE TOUCHED BY SOME PORTION OF ALASKA. WELCOME THIS MONTH TO DORIS B. KELLY OF PORTLAND, A NEW MEMBER OF N.I.S.

- JOHN G. NICOLosi

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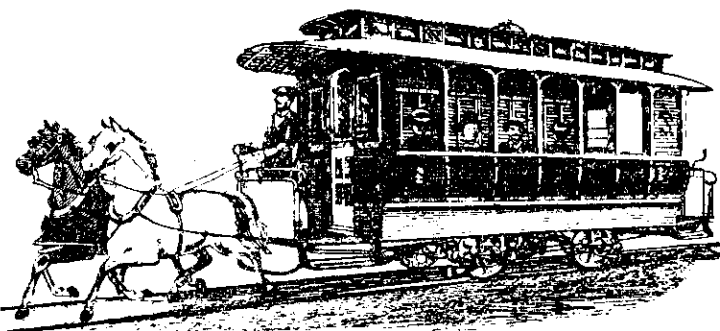
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THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE, AND ALL ISSUES HERE-AFTER, WILL BE THE 8TH OF THE MONTH. HENCEFORTH ISSUES OF THE FARE BOX WILL BE MAILED ON A STAGGERED BASIS, TO GIVE WEST COAST COLLECTORS A BETTER CHANCE AT LIMITED OFFERS IN THE ADS. UP TO NOW, THE EASTERN COLLECTORS, RECEIVING THEIR COPIES SO SOON AFTER MAILING, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SNAP UP THE TOKENS IN ADS BEFORE THEIR WESTERN BRETHREN EVEN RECEIVED THEIR COPIES. ON THE FIRST DAY, COPIES GOING TO THE 11 WESTERN STATES AND TEXAS WILL BE MAILED; ON THE 2ND DAY, COPIES GOING TO OTHER STATES WEST OF OHIO, PLUS GEORGIA; ON THE 3RD DAY, COPIES GOING TO THE REMAINDER OF STATES AND ONTARIO AND QUEBEC. OF COURSE THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL BE REVERSED DURING SUMMER MONTHS WHEN THE FARE BOX IS MAILED FROM TACOMA.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE IS A LIST OF NOMINEES FOR AVA OFFICE. BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED OUT WITH THE JUNE ISSUE, AND IT IS HOPED THAT EVERY MEMBER WILL EXERCISE HIS RIGHT TO VOTE.

DOES YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY HAVE A COPY OF ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE? YOU CAN HELP THE A.V.A. SELL SOME OF ITS CATALOGUES BY PUTTING IN A REQUEST AT YOUR LIBRARY THAT THEY PURCHASE OUR CATALOGUE. GIVE THEM THE NAME OF THE BOOK AND OUR ADDRESS AND THE PRICE. (WE GIVE A 20% DISCOUNT TO LIBRARIES.) NOT ONLY DOES THIS HELP US, IT HELPS SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT TRANSPORTATION TOKENS BY MAKING OUR CATALOGUE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. SPEAKING OF THE CATALOGUE, WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON A PRINTED SUPPLEMENT LISTING ALL TOKENS ISSUED OR DISCOVERED SINCE THE CATALOGUE WAS PUBLISHED, SOME TIME THIS SUMMER.



SOME NEW DISCOVERIES FROM GERMANY

THE FOLLOWING PREVIOUSLY-UNKNOWN TOKENS FROM GERMANY HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY EMZY L. THOMPSON. EACH DESCRIPTION IS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ALUMINUM PRESSING OF THE TOKEN, AND THE EDITOR IS SATISFIED AS TO THE ACCURACY OF THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TOKENS.

DRESDEN 250

BRUCKEN MARKE DRESDEN 1  
B 18 Sd (BRIDGE)  
BRUCKEN MARKE DRESDEN 2  
B 24 Sd (BRIDGE)

ERFURT 270

ERFURTER STRASSEN-EISENBAHN BEAMTEN MARKE E  
B Oc Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE)(21mm)

GOTHA

GOTHAER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR)  
A 22 Sd GOTHAER STRASSENBAHN GUT FUR EINE FAHRT  
THURINGER ELECTRICITATS LIEFERUNGS GESELLSCHLAG  
/FAHR-MARKE STRASSENBAHN GOTHA  
A Oc Sd (SCENE) KRAFTWERK BREITUNGEN [24mm]  
THURINGER ELECTRICITATS LIEFERUNGS GESELLSCHLAG  
/WECHSEL-MARKE STRASSENBAHN GOTHA  
A 24 Sd (SCENE) KRAFTWERK BREITUNGEN

KAISERSLAUTERN

STRASSENBAHN KAISERSLAUTERN A (STREETCAR)  
A 20 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE)

NURNBERG 800

FAHRMARKE NURNBERG-FURTHER STRASSENBAHN 30  
A Oc Sd (SCENE) HENKERSTEG [24mm]

S W E D E N (THESE 2 SWEDISH TOKENS WERE ALSO REPORTED)

GOTEBORG

GOTEBORGS FARJETRAFIK POLLETT FOR AUTOMOBILE  
B Pg Sd INLOSES EFTER STYRELSEBESLUT (5-SIDED PENTAGON)

NORKOPINGS

NORKOPINGS SPARVAGAR (SEATED RULER)  
B 22 Tr-SC POLLETT FOR VUXNA

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DON'T FORGET THE BIG A.V.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 1-2, 1959. WE'LL ALL BE THERE. COME AND BRING THE FAMILY. MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

FELLOW MEMBERS:

FOR THE FIRST TIME THERE IS A VERY GOOD LIST OF NOMINEES FOR THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE A.V.A. THIS IS A VERY HEALTHY SITUATION AND INDICATES THAT THERE IS AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE ORGANIZATION. AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED THEY ARE ALL VERY CAPABLE INDIVIDUALS SO NO MATTER HOW YOU VOTE YOU CANNOT LOSE. EXERCISE YOUR OPTION AND VOTE. VOTE AS YOU PLEASE BUT VOTE. AN ORGANIZATION IS NO STRONGER THAN ITS MEMBERS. AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO APPOINT MR. RALPH FREIBERG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE, AND HE IS FREE TO NAME ANY TWO MEMBERS AS TELLERS TO ASSIST HIM WITH THE ELECTION.

- WILLIAM E. EISENBERG

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TOKENS ARE WHERE YOU FIND THEM  
BY ROLAND C. ATWOOD

WHILE VISITING HAVANA, CUBA, IN 1937 I TOOK A STROLL DOWN THE MAIN STREET ONE EVENING AND PASSED A BEGGAR WHO HANDED ME WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A TELEPHONE TOKEN FROM MIAMI AND WANTED 10 CENTAVOS IN EXCHANGE. THE TOKEN TURNED OUT TO BE VA 535 A, AND THE BEGGAR WAS DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE 2 PESOS FOR IT. HE SPOKE A LITTLE ENGLISH AND IN APPRECIATION GAVE ME 12 LOS ANGELES RY. TOKENS WHICH I ACCEPTED TO USE ON THE CARS AT HOME. HE TOLD ME HE GOT THE L.A. TOKENS FROM TOURISTS WHO GAVE THEM TO HIM WHEN HE WAS BEGGING. HE TOLD ME TO MEET HIM AT THE SAME TIME NEXT EVENING AND HE WOULD HAVE MORE TOKENS FOR ME. SO I DID, AND GOT ALL MY CUBA TOKENS (9 OF THEM) FROM HIM AT A TOTAL PRICE OF \$2.00.

HE HAS WRITTEN ME TWICE SINCE THEN AND OFFERED ME 11 STATE TAX TOKENS FOR \$10. WELL, I JUST ANSWERED BACK THAT THEY WERE WORTH JUST 1 CENT (10 MILLS). THAT'S THE LAST I EVER HEARD.

BY THE WAY, I OBTAINED A NICE LOT OF GOOD FOREIGNS AT THE STREETCAR COMPANY OFFICE IN HAVANA, FOR 5¢ EACH, INCLUDING ABOUT 100 U.S. TOKENS. I ALSO BOUGHT ANOTHER COUPLE HUNDRED FROM SIDEWALK COIN VENDORS AT 5¢ EACH--TWO OF THESE WERE COLO 860 B AND IND 20 B.

IN THOSE DAYS, YOU COULD RIDE 36 MILES FOR FIVE CENTS!

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SEATTLE IS BUILDING THE COUNTRY'S FIRST MONORAIL LINE, TO RUN ABOUT ONE MILE FROM 5TH & PINE TO THE CENTURY 21 EXPOSITION GROUNDS. COST \$5,000,000. BUILT BY LOCKHEED, IT WILL TRAVEL 60 M.P.H. LET'S HOPE THE SEATTLE COLLECTORS CAN CONVINCE THE POWERS THAT BE TO ISSUE SPECIAL TOKENS!

FOR SALE: ATWOOD'S CHECK LIST OF AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, 1952 EDITION. PUBLISHED BY A.V.A. NEAR NEW CONDITION, IN REAL NICE STIFF-BACK RING BINDER. IF INTERESTED, MAKE ME AN OFFER. - L.A. HENSLEY - 1616 SPENCER ST. - OMAHA 10, NEB.

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## CALIFORNIA CONVENTION AUCTION

THE EXCHANGE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A MAIL AUCTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL A.V.A. CONVENTION IN SANTA MONICA. THE TOKENS LISTED BELOW, TO BE BID UPON, CONSIST OF TOKENS CATALOGUING ABOVE 50¢, PLUS A FEW TOKENS CATALOGUING 50¢ AND BELOW WHICH USUALLY SELL HIGHER THAN CATALOGUE. ALL BIDS ARE TO BE IN MULTIPLES OF 5¢; NO ODD BIDS. ALL ITEMS TO BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT 5¢ ABOVE THE SECOND HIGHEST BID, EXCEPT IN CASE OF TIES, IN WHICH CASE THEY ARE SOLD TO THE EARLIEST POSTMARK. THE CLOSING DATE OF THE AUCTION IS JULY 30 AT NOON. ALL ATTENDING THE CONVENTION CAN IMMEDIATELY PICK UP THE TOKENS ON WHICH THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS. LUCKY BIDDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED, AND AS SOON AS PAYMENT PLUS POSTAGE AND INSURANCE IS RECEIVED, TOKENS WILL BE SENT TO THEM. ALL LOTS HAVE A CATALOGUE RESERVE, THAT IS, NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT LOWER THAN CATALOGUE PRICE, WHICH IS LISTED NEXT TO LOTS BELOW.

I AM ASKING MR. COFFEE TO MAIL THIS ISSUE OUT ON A STAGGERED BASIS SO THAT ALL COLLECTORS RECEIVE THEIR FARE BOX AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, THUS GIVING ALL A FAIR CHANCE TO HAVE BIDS IN. TO THOSE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION: SEND YOUR COMPLETE 15¢ WANT-LIST; WE MIGHT HAVE SOME FOR YOU. NO 15¢ ITEMS FROM THE EXCHANGE WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE CONVENTION. WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM EVERYBODY. SEND BIDS TO:

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### TENTH ANNIVERSARY HORSECAR TOKENS

THE APRIL 1959 ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX SHOWS 187 MEMBERS WITH DUES PAID FOR 1959. THERE ARE STILL 100 MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT AS YET APPLIED FOR AN A.V.A. 10TH ANNIVERSARY HORSECAR TOKEN. YOU STILL HAVE TIME. SORRY, BUT SOMEONE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED NOT HAVING THIS COLLECTORS' ITEM, AS ONLY 60 ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. I CAN ASSURE YOU IT WILL BE THE BEST \$1.04 YOU EVER INVESTED. YESTERDAY IS GONE FOREVER; TOMORROW MAY NEVER COME. TODAY IS YOUR DAY TO ORDER. DO IT NOW! SEND YOUR \$1.04 TO:

F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD. - QUINCY 69, MASS.

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DECATUR CITY LINES (ILLINOIS) HAS INCREASED THE TOKEN RATE FROM 3 FOR 50¢ TO 3 FOR 55¢, AND THE 4 FOR 45¢ SCHOOL TOKEN HAS BEEN ABOLISHED....CHAMPAIGN-URBANA CITY LINES HAS ALSO UPPEDED TOKENS FROM 3/50¢ TO 3/55¢....BUS SERVICE HAS BEEN RESTORED IN CHEYENNE, WYO. FARE ON THE CITY TRANSIT CO. IS 20¢ ADULTS, 15¢ CHILDREN.

## NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

LAST MONTH, ALONG WITH ALASKA 300 H, YOU WERE ALSO SENT MINN 575 A, ANOTHER INTERESTING TOKEN. THANKS TO MR. BARNETT FOR OBTAINING THEM FOR THE N.I.S. MINN 575 A WAS PUT INTO USE SEPT. 1957 AND USED FOR ONE YEAR ONLY, AND IS NOW OBSOLETE. SOMETIME THIS MONTH I'LL MAIL YOU 2 MORE NEW ISSUES, NY 105 I AND FLA 690 C. THANKS TO MR. MCKEE AND MR. CHESNEY FOR SUPPLYING TOKENS AND LEADS. FLA 690 C WAS FIRST USED ABOUT 6 MONTHS AGO. AND I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME DR. GEORGE FULD OF WAKEFIELD, MASS., INTO THE NEW ISSUES SERV.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE OLDEST PASSENGER RAILROAD IN THE WORLD IS THE SWANSEA & MUMBLES RY IN WALES? IT WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1804; BEGAN CARRYING PASSENGERS MARCH 25, 1807; IS STILL IN OPERATION 149 YEARS LATER. IT WAS HORSE-DRAWN TILL 1877.

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### THE YORK STREET RAILWAY OF YORK, NEB.

THERE IS SOME CONFUSION RELATIVE TO THE YEAR IN WHICH YORK'S CAR LINE WAS STARTED, BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT 5 YORK MEN INCORPORATED AND BUILT IT IN 1887. THE COMPANY FAILED AND A NEW STREETCAR INCORPORATION TOOK PLACE APRIL 6, 1888. THE INCORPORATORS WERE MESSRS. GILBERT, SAYRE, AND GREEN. THE EXISTENCE OF THE CORPORATION WAS FOR 50 YEARS. IT IS KNOWN THAT A CAR LINE RAN FROM THE NORTHWESTERN DEPOT, JUST SOUTH OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO THE BURLINGTON STATION, A MILE NORTH OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT. A SHORTER LINE EXTENDED TO THE EAST HILLS DISTRICT AND YORK COLLEGE. THE COMPANY KEPT 3 OF ITS 4 CARS IN CONSTANT OPERATION DURING 1890 AND COLLECTED A STRAIGHT 5¢ FARE, THOUGH SMALL TOKENS WERE ALSO USED. THE CARS MUST HAVE CEASED OPERATING IN JULY, 1891, FOR A YEAR LATER THE CITY COUNCIL DECLARED THE FRANCHISE FORFEITED DUE TO SUSPENSION OF SERVICE FOR 12 MONTHS. FINALLY THE CITY COUNCIL SOLD THE TRACKS TO F.O. BELL AND ORDERED THEM REMOVED WITHIN 10 DAYS. THIS LINE WAS A HORSECAR LINE, AS THE LADY FROM WHOM I OBTAINED MY TOKEN ADDS THIS NOTE: "THE OLD CARS WERE USED FOR PLAY HOUSES BY THE GILBERT AND POST CHILDREN FOR MANY YEARS AFTER THE FAILURE. WE KIDS USED TO GET ON IN THE MORNING AND PAY 5¢ OR A TOKEN AND JUST STAY TILL THE CONDUCTOR SAID 'YOU KIDS GET OFF NOT, YOUR MA WANTS YOU TO COME TO DINNER.' THE OLD HORSE THAT USUALLY DREW THE CAR (IF THERE WAS A CONVENTION IN TOWN THEY USED TWO) WAS TIRED, TOO, SO EVERYBODY LAID OFF FOR AN HOUR."

- DANIEL DiMICHAEL

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### ADDITIONAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

KENNETH E. PURDY - 605 SEABROOK ROAD - TOWSON 4, MARYLAND

## PITTSBURGH DISTRICT NOTES

BY HARRY C. BARTLEY

THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB HELD ITS REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 19, IN THE USUAL PLACE, ROOM 1208 HOUSE BLDG. THE WEATHER WAS IN OUR FAVOR FOR A CHANGE AND WE HAD A NICE TURN-OUT. PRESENT WERE THE REGULAR PITTSBURGH CONTINGENT: CORINNE & BILL BLACK, MACKIE, BROS EISENBERG (AVA PRESIDENT), PROSPER DE VOS, AND YOUR REPORTER. OHIO WAS WELL REPRESENTED BY MR. AND MRS. RALPH KOLLER OF CANTON, BILL AND MRS. CARR OF AKRON, AND PHIL EASTERLY OF CLEVELAND. WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE YOUR, AND OUR, OHIO FRIENDS MAKE THE TRIP OVER, AND WISH MORE AVA MEMBERS FROM NEARBY DISTRICTS WOULD JOIN US, TOO.

INFORMAL AND IMPROMPTU AS OUR MEETINGS ARE, THEY ARE INTERESTING AND PROFITABLE, MORE SO WHEN PERSONS BRING ALONG PLENTY OF TRADING MATERIAL. THIS WAS PROVED SUNDAY WHEN A MEMBER BROUGHT IN A COUPLE HUNDRED DUPES. TRADING, BUYING, AND SELLING WERE BRISK AND EVEN THOUGH THESE TOKENS WERE NOT RARE ONES THERE WAS DEMAND FOR THEM. AS A MATTER OF FACT ONE 15¢ ITEM WAS NEEDED AND BOUGHT BY THE BLACKS; THIS IS A RARE HAPPENING WE ASSURE YOU. NOT ALL OF THE MEETING WAS A BOURSE, THOUGH. THE COMING ELECTIONS AND CONVENTION WERE DISCUSSED IN FULL. AT LEAST 3 AVA MEMBERS PRESENT SIGNIFIED POSITIVE INTENTION OF ATTENDING, SO PITTSBURGH DISTRICT WILL BE REPRESENTED IN CALIFORNIA COME NEXT AUGUST.

IT WAS DECIDED TO CHANGE THE DATE OF OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING FROM JULY 19 TO AUGUST 16. BY DOING THIS WE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THOSE LEAVING EARLY FOR THE CONVENTION, AND WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO GET A REPORT FROM THOSE WHO DID ATTEND IT SHORTLY AFTERWARDS. WE THEREFORE URGE ALL A.V.A. MEMBERS WHO LIVE WITHIN A DAY'S ROUND TRIP DRIVING DISTANCE OF PITTSBURGH TO ATTEND THIS MEETING (SUNDAY, AUGUST 16). IT SHOULD WELL BE ONE OF OUR VERY BEST MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY IF EVERYONE BRINGS A LOT OF DUPLICATES. UNLESS NOTIFIED TO THE CONTRARY, THE PLACE WILL BE THE SAME: ROOM 1208 HOUSE BLDG., 4 SMITHFIELD STREET, DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH, PA. (PLENTY OF PARKING SPACE, TOO). SO SEE EVERYONE HERE ON AUGUST 16, AT 2:00 P.M., DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

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### REMOVE FROM THE CENSUS:

HAROLD FORD, OFFICIAL "KEEPER OF THE CENSUS," REPORTS THAT THERE ARE NOW OVER 10 KNOWN TO EXIST OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TOKENS, AND THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST THAT WAS RUN IN THE NOV. 58 FARE BOX: ARK 405 A; CAL 575 D, 760 B; ILL 25 B, 460 B; IA 230 A; KY 510 F S; MD 60 E; MICH 65 F, 525 A; MO 910 A; NY 35 A B; NC 770 B; OHIO 175 N; PA 15 C D; TENN 600 A; TEX 710 B; VA 500 A, 620 C; WASH 710 A, 840 I; WVA 200 D; WISC 330 A, 360 B, 410 E, 510 I; WYO 100 A; HAWAII 210 F J. REMOVE N.M. 430 C AND LIST N.M. 430 A.

# MAY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

## BY RALPH FREIBERG

FLORIDA

PANAMA CITY 690 (REPORTED BY HAROLD CHESNEY)  
CITY OF PANAMA CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM  
C WM 16 P GOOD FOR ONE FARE \$0.15

MINNESOTA

MOUND 575 (REPORTED BY BEN BARRACLOUGH)  
CATHOLIC PARENTS ASS'N INC. MOUND (BUS)  
A o WM 16 BALL GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS)(2 SLOTS) .15

NEW YORK

BUFFALO 105 (REPORTED BY R.B. MCKEE)  
I Bz 16 Sq [LIKE 105 F BUT NFT INCUSE ON BOTH SIDES] .25

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## NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

FIRST THIS MONTH WE HAVE A NEW TOKEN FOR PANAMA CITY. IT HAS BEEN IN USE ABOUT 6 MONTHS AND WAS DISCOVERED BY MR. CHESNEY WHILE HE WAS ON VACATION. NEXT, WE HAVE A LITTLE SCHOOL TOKEN THAT ALMOST WENT BY US UNDISCOVERED. MR. BARRACLOUGH DIDN'T TELL ME JUST HOW HE HAPPENED TO FIND IT, BUT WITH AN ASSIST FROM THE BARNETTS WE WERE ABLE TO GET A SUPPLY FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. IT SEEMS THIS TOKEN WAS USED FOR ONE YEAR IN THE SCHOOL TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1957. TOKENS WERE SOLD ON THE BUS AND ALSO IN THE SCHOOL ROOMS; THEY WERE DISCONTINUED AFTER ONE YEAR'S USE. MR. LEO WAYZATA IS THE OWNER OF THE BUS LINE WHICH CONSISTS OF 4 BUSES, AND THEY MAKE 6 TRIPS DAILY. THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN MOUND IS NAMED OUR LADY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL. AT PRESENT STUDENTS PAY 15¢ CASH FARE ON THE BUS. IF THE TOKEN HAD NOT BEEN 16MM, IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE GONE UNDISCOVERED. NEXT WE HAVE A TOKEN FROM BUFFALO. MR. MCKEE INFORMS US THAT THIS TOKEN WAS FIRST USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FARE RAISE THAT WENT INTO EFFECT APRIL 26. FARES WENT TO 25¢ WITH TOKENS 5 FOR \$1. IT IS THE SAME AS 105 F, EXCEPT THAT THE LETTERS NFT ARE INCUSE INSTEAD OF RAISED.

I AM MAKING A FILE OF DATES WHEN CERTAIN TOKENS WERE ISSUED IN VARIOUS PLACES. UNFORTUNATELY WE DIDN'T HAVE DATA ON SAGINAW, MICH., WHEN WE REVISED THE CATALOGUE, BUT MR. FAUBERT HAS SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: 845 A B C WERE USED 1889-1899; G L M 1910-1921; D E F 1923-31; H I J K 1931-33; P 1933-36; AND SAGINAW CITY LINES FROM 1936 TO PRESENT. N WAS USED 1933-35; O FROM 1935-54; Y FROM 1954-58.

LARRY BOSLER HAS ALSO SUPPLIED SOME DATA ON SOME PHILADELPHIA TOKENS. 750 AN WAS FIRST USED MAY 14, 1949 FOR 13¢ CASH FARE. THIS RATE LASTED ONLY 4 WEEKS AND TOKENS WERE WITHDRAWN. THEN OCTOBER 18, 1949, A DIFFERENT FARE OF 10¢ AND TRANSFERS WERE 3 FOR 10¢ SO THESE 20MM TOKENS WERE AGAIN PLACED

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IN USE AND MOST OF THEM HAD THE WORD "CASH" REMOVED, AND THESE WERE THEN USED AS TOKENS AT 3 FOR 10¢ FOR TRANSFERS. THEN LATER WHEN IT WAS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO USE A TOKEN FOR A TRANSFER THESE TOKENS WERE WITHDRAWN. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR 750 AO AND AP. THEN ON MARCH 25, 1956, NEW FARE BOXES WERE INSTALLED ON ALL VEHICLES WHICH WOULD NOT ACCOMMODATE THE SCHOOL COUPONS SO THE TOKENS WERE TAKEN OUT OF STORAGE AND USED AS SCHOOL TOKENS. SOMETIMES WE DON'T HAVE ACTIVE COLLECTORS IN CERTAIN CITIES, SO NOT ALWAYS DID WE HAVE THE CORRECT INFORMATION, OR KNOW WHY CERTAIN TOKENS WERE USED. SO ANYBODY JOINING OUR RANKS CAN SOMETIMES SUPPLY US WITH SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION.

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT ON NOMINATIONS FOR AVA OFFICERS

SINCE MR. EISENBERG ISSUED A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS IN THE FEBR., 1959, FARE BOX, I HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS. EACH NOMINEE WAS CONTACTED WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE EITHER ACCEPT OR DECLINE THE NOMINATION IN WRITING.

#### FOR PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM E. EISENBERG (ACCEPTED)  
BERNARD J. ROHRER (ACCEPTED)  
FOSTER M. PALMER (DECLINED)  
MORTON H. DAWSON (DECLINED)  
R.K. FRISBEE (DECLINED)  
HAROLD FORD, JR. (DECLINED)  
JULIUS A. KURTZ (DECLINED)

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DANIEL DIMICHAEL (ACCEPTED)  
EDWARD M. CUTLER (DECLINED)  
MORTON H. DAWSON (DECLINED)  
JOHN G. NICOLosi (DECLINED)  
ROBERT M. BUTLER (DECLINED)  
WILLIAM L. CARR (DECLINED)

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JULIUS A. KURTZ (ACCEPTED)  
ROLAND C. ATWOOD (ACCEPTED)  
WILTON MERRIFIELD (DECLINED)  
F. GORDON SMITH (ACCEPTED)  
MORTON H. DAWSON (DECLINED)

#### FOR TREASURER:

R.K. FRISBEE (ACCEPTED)  
ROBERT M. BUTLER (DECLINED)

#### FOR CURATOR:

B.H. BAAKE, JR. (ACCEPTED)  
PROSPER DEVOS (ACCEPTED)  
DON T. THRALL (ACCEPTED)  
HAROLD CHESNEY (DECLINED)  
HARRY C. BARTLEY (NO ANSWER)

SO THE NOMINEES WHO WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT WILL BE:

PRESIDENT: EISENBERG AND ROHRER. VICE-PRESIDENT: KURTZ, ATWOOD, AND SMITH. SECRETARY: DIMICHAEL. TREASURER: FRISBEE. CURATOR: BAAKE, DEVOS, AND THRALL.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MORTON H. DAWSON, SECRETARY.

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ON MAY 1 THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TOOK OVER SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT CO., AND IT IS NOW KNOWN AS SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT SYSTEM. FARE REMAINS 17¢, NO TOKENS. TEX 810 E F ARE NOW OBSOLETE.



# THE FARE BOX

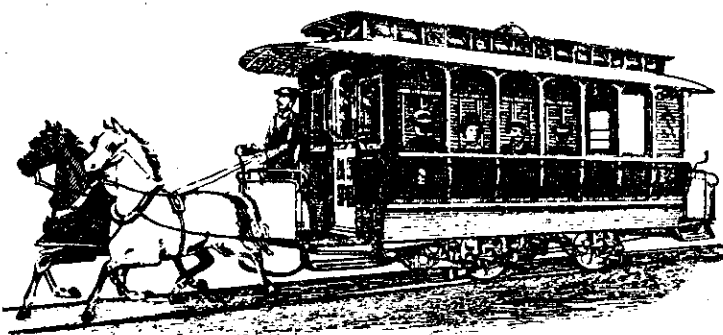
A MONTHLY NEWS-LETTER FOR COLLECTORS OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

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UNTIL AUGUST 25 SEND ALL MAIL INTENDED FOR THE FARE BOX TO:  
JOHN M. COFFEE, JR. - 4104 6TH AVENUE - TACOMA 6, WASHINGTON

TOGETHER WITH THIS ISSUE MEMBERS WILL FIND ENCLOSED THE OFFICIAL A.V.A. BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS. THIS YEAR THE ELECTION IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND EVERY MEMBER SHOULD VOTE. BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED, BY RALPH FREIBERG, NO LATER THAN JULY 29.

ON JUNE 17 THE EDITOR LEAVES BOSTON FOR THE WEST COAST, AND WILL RETURN TO BOSTON ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1. SO DURING THE SUMMER BE SURE TO SEND MAIL TO THE TACOMA ADDRESS, ABOVE. ON THE WAY, I HOPE TO VISIT A NUMBER OF COLLECTORS, AS WELL AS HUNT FOR OLD TOKENS.

WITH THIS ISSUE, THE FARE BOX COMPLETES 12 YEARS OF PUBLISHING--144 CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY ISSUES. WE HAVE BEEN USING UP OUR BACKLOG OF ARTICLES LATELY, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AND ALL ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION. ANYTHING OF INTEREST TO TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS IS WELCOME. PLEASE HELP US OUT! WHICH REMINDS US--THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE WILL BE JULY 8, AND IT'LL GO OUT ON THE 15TH.

AS ALWAYS, THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE JULY AND AUGUST ISSUES (BECAUSE Mimeo MACHINE IS NOT AVAILABLE IN TACOMA AND THE Mimeo RATES ARE TOO HIGH THERE). IT WILL BE RESUMED IN SEPTEMBER.



## THE WEST VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL FERRY TOKEN

BY LARRY GINGRAS

IN 1909 W.C. THOMPSON AND JOHN LAWSON FORMED A COMPANY TO OPERATE A FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN THE 17TH STREET WHARF, ON THE NORTH SHORE OF BURRARD INLET, AND A WHARF NEAR THE FOOT OF COLUMBIA STREET ON THE SOUTH SHORE. THE FIRM WAS KNOWN AS WEST VANCOUVER TRANSFER COMPANY, LTD. THE RESIDENTS OF THIS PARTICULAR SECTION OF THE NORTH SHORE, WHICH AT THAT TIME FORMED A PART OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER, DID NOT SEE EYE TO EYE WITH THEIR MUNICIPALITY. AMONG OTHER MATTERS, THEY FELT THAT THEIR TAXES WERE FAR TOO HIGH IN COMPARISON WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS SECTION. SO IN 1912 THEY SECEDED FROM THE DISTRICT, AND FORMED THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST VANCOUVER. IT WAS ALSO IN THIS YEAR THAT THE NEWLY FORMED MUNICIPALITY BOUGHT OUT THE WEST VANCOUVER TRANSFER CO., LTD., AND CHANGED THE NAME TO WEST VANCOUVER FERRIES. A LATER REORGANIZATION SAW THE NAME CHANGED TO WEST VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL FERRIES.

IN 1916 THE FIRST BUS WAS PURCHASED, AND IT RAN FROM THE 17TH STREET WHARF WEST ALONG MARINE DRIVE. THE BUS ROUTE WAS EXTENDED AS THE POPULATION MOVED WEST, AND BY THE TIME 1920 ROLLED AROUND THE WESTERN TERMINUS WAS AT 29TH AVENUE.

A FURTHER ONE-MILE EXTENSION, TO WEST BAY, WAS ADDED IN 1920. IT WAS ON THIS EXTENSION THAT THE TOKENS (BRITISH COLUMBIA 900 A) WERE USED. PASSENGERS, WISHING TO PROCEED BEYOND 29TH AVENUE, WOULD BUY ONE OF THE TOKENS FOR AN EXTRA 5 CENTS ON BOARDING THE BUS, AND RETURN IT TO THE DRIVER UPON REACHING THEIR DESTINATION. THE TOKENS DID NOT PROVE POPULAR, AND WERE DISCONTINUED ALTOGETHER AFTER A PERIOD OF ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

THIS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WAS AGAIN REORGANIZED, AND AT THIS WRITING IS STILL OPERATED BY THE MUNICIPALITY. TRAFFIC ON THE FERRY ACROSS THE INLET GRADUALLY PETERED OUT AFTER THE BUILDING OF THE LIONS GATE BRIDGE, AND EARLY IN 1947 THE FERRIES WERE WITHDRAWN FROM SERVICE.

THERE IS IN EXISTENCE TODAY ONLY A VERY SMALL HANDFUL OF THE TOKENS. FOR THEIR PRESERVATION NUMISMATISTS ARE INDEBTED TO ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, WHO WAS ABLE TO SALVAGE THESE FEW DURING THE LAST REORGANIZATION, WHEN THE TOKENS WERE DESTROYED ALONG WITH MANY OF THE OLD COMPANY RECORDS.

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THE EASTERN MASS. ST. RY. STRIKE, AFTER MANY MONTHS, HAS BEEN SETTLED AND THE BUSES ARE ROLLING AGAIN.... TYLER TRANSIT CO. OF TYLER, TEXAS, HAS CEASED OPERATION.... MAY 25 DES MOINES TRANSIT CO. RAISED FARES FROM 20¢ STRAIGHT TO 25¢ CASH OR 2 TOKENS FOR 45¢, WITH TRANSFER FEE UPPED FROM 3¢ TO 5¢.... ON JUNE 11 A MANIAC, STILL UNCAUGHT, PLANTED A TIME BOMB IN AN ELEVATED STATION IN BOSTON WHICH EXPLODED, INJURING 38 PEOPLE.

## THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

### REINSTATEMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP (LATE DUES):

- 231 D. WAYNE JOHNSON - 2100 W. 48TH STREET TERRACE -  
KANSAS CITY 3, KANSAS.  
74 W. GORDON ROBERTSON - Box 329Q - SILVER SPRING ROAD -  
FULLERTON, MARYLAND.  
274 J. WILLIAM ROSS - 214 MAIN STREET - WEST NEWTON, PENNA.

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- 300 CHARLES L. GREEN - 566 SHERBURNE - ST. PAUL 3, MINNESOTA  
AGE 35; SHOE REPAIR. 40 TOKENS.  
301 HENRY B. PEDERSEN - P.O. Box 116, OLD CHELSEA STATION -  
AGE 58; DISTRIBUTOR. /NEW YORK 11, N.Y.  
302 CARL A. DELLMUTH - 958 BAXTER AVE. - LOUISVILLE 4, KY.  
AGE 49; COIN DEALER.  
303 MISS CLARA BARTON WEISS - 3417 W. VINE ST. - MILWAUKEE 8,  
ADULT. ROOMING HOUSE OPERATOR. 150 TOKENS. /WISC.  
304 HARRY J. FORMAN - 1721 FOX CHASE RD. - PHILADELPHIA 15,  
ADULT. NUMISMATIST. /PENNA.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- 223 WILLIAM G. BRUCE - 1004 EASTWOOD AVE. - ASHTABULA, OHIO

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### NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

WE'VE FINALLY COME TO A MONTH WHEN WE HAVE NOTHING TO SEND IN NEW ISSUES, AND NOT EVEN A PROSPECT IN SIGHT. BUT WE'LL KEEP ON TRYING. I DO, HOWEVER, HAVE A CONTACT ON SOME CANADIAN TOKENS, AND AM EXPECTING THEM MOMENTARILY. AS SOON AS I GET THEM I'LL SEND TO YOU WHO ARE ON MY LIST FOR CANADA; MAYBE THIS MONTH, MAYBE NEXT MONTH. JUST AS SOON AS THE TOKENS ARE RECEIVED BY THE BUS COMPANY THEY WILL BE SENT TO ME (THEY ARE BEING RE-ORDERED; THE ONES ON HAND ARE NOT IN GOOD CONDITION).

FIRST STEAM RAILWAY CAME INTO BEING IN PORTLAND, ORE., ON SEPT. 15, 1888...FROM THE FOOT OF EAST STARK VIA UNION AVE. TO THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

P.S. I, AGAIN, HATE TO HAVE TO REMIND A FEW OF YOU THAT YOUR NEW ISSUES ACCOUNTS ARE STILL IN THE RED, AND NO MORE TOKENS CAN BE SENT TO YOU UNTIL YOU HAVE CORRECTED THIS. PLEASE GET YOUR ACCOUNT IN THE BLACK, AS OTHERWISE WE'LL HAVE TO DROP YOU FROM THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE.

- JOHN G. NICOLosi

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LUZERNE & CARBON COUNTY TRANSP. CO. RECENTLY PURCHASED DIAMOND BUS LINE OF HAZLETON, PA. (WHICH USED PA 455 F).

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE, STAMP PLEASE. ALASKA 300 E; ARK 360 D E; CALIF 275 A, 715 I K O, 745 H I J K L, 760 D E F, 775 I, 815 B, 825 D; IND 290 A, 460 K, 610 E; OHIO 165 T W, 330 D. MFG SAMPLE #23-A AT 10 CENTS.

JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.  
FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: ALASKA 50 B, 450 A; GA 450 A B C; IND 110 B, 270 A, 660 A C; KANS 820 A; MINN 190 B C; NJ 885 A; ND 440 B; PA 70 B, 775 B.

A.A. GIBBONS - 300 LENOX ROAD - BROOKLYN 26, N.Y.  
FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: PA 70 A B C, 400 C D, 455 A B D E F G, 590 B, 775 B, 985 C; OHIO 750 A; VA 20 K. PLUS POSTAGE.

MICHAEL SUPER - 3647 RAYMONN AVE. - BALTIMORE 13, MD.  
FOR SALE: MINN 575 A (LISTED LAST MONTH) AT 15¢ EACH PLUS STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. PLEASE NOT THAT I HAVE PLENTY OF THESE TOKENS FOR ALL, SO SEND YOUR ORDERS.

FLOYD O. BARNETT - 6048 STEVENS AVE. MINNEAPOLIS 12, MINN.  
FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: FLA 380 D (FLORIDA FERRY COMPANY); MD 60 AA AND AJ, MD 60 AG. ALSO, AT \$1.00, CIVIL WAR TOKEN: "HUSSEY'S SPECIAL MESSAGE POST" WITH PICTURE OF MAN ON HORSEBACK (EX. FINE CONDITION). PLEASE SEND STAMPED ENVELOPE.

J.M. COFFEE JR. - 4104 6TH AVE. - TACOMA 6, WASH.  
FOR TRADE ONLY, FOR TOKENS OF EQUAL VALUE: ARK 435 B; CALIF 575 A (8 WINDOW); CONN 345 B; ILL 150 A, 795 A; IA 150 B; KANS 40 B; KY 480 A B; MD 60 H I J; MASS 115 B; MICH 80 A, 470 A B; NEBR 440 E; NY 630 TA; OHIO 175 T X W, 230 M, 440 A E; PA 320 A, 515 A; QUEBEC 620 A.

MELVYN A. SCOTT - 1024 KNOTT BLDG. - DAYTON 2, OHIO  
WANTED: VA 580 A TO L INCLUSIVE; VA 660 A; VA 720 A TO D INCLUSIVE. WILL REFUND THE POSTAGE USED IN NOTIFICATION.

FRANK G. PAYNE - P.O. Box 655 - ROANOKE, VA.  
WANTED: ELONGATED OR ROLLED-OUT CENTS, AND ENCASE OR FRAMED CENTS FOR MY COLLECTION. WILL BUY OR TRADE.

CHARLES H. LIPSKY - 1225 DAY STREET - GALESBURG, ILL.  
FOR SALE: STREETCAR TRANSFERS, 175 DIFFERENT CITIES, ALL 19-36 OR OLDER, LIST FOR STAMP. ALSO TRADE TOKENS FOR STREETCAR TOKENS, NO BUS.

W.R. GORDON - 811 GARSON AVE. - ROCHESTER 9, N.Y.  
FOR SALE: CAL 575 A (7 WINDOWS) \$3.50; DEL 900 A, \$5; ILL 580 B C D, EACH \$10 (THOSE OF YOU WHO BOUGHT 580 A FROM ME BEFORE RECEIVED WHAT IS NOW 580 D); ILL 685 A, \$2.50; ILL 760 A \$1; ILL 760 B C D E, EACH \$5. REMITTANCE WITH YOUR ORDER. POSTPAID ON ORDERS OF \$10 OR MORE. 50¢ EXTRA ON ORDERS UNDER \$10. L.A. HENSLEY - 1616 SPENCER ST. - OMAHA 10, NEBR.

THE 5TH ANNUAL BLACKHAWK AREA COIN COLLECTORS PICNIC IS BEING HELD AT LOWDEN MEMORIAL PARK AT OREGON, ILLINOIS. THIS WILL BE ON AUGUST 16, 1959. IT IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE BLACKHAWK COIN AND STAMP CLUB OF BYRON, ILLINOIS. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND STAY ALL DAY. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR DEALERS TO HAVE A BOURSE TABLE. ALL COLLECTORS WELCOME. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT FROM YOUR CLUB OR GROUP. THIS IS SO THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY TABLES TO RESERVE. WRITE WALTER K. DILLOW, SECRETARY, Box 182, BYRON, ILLINOIS.

## FORT MADISON STREET RAILWAY

RICHARD H. BEIMER LAST SUMMER DISCOVERED, IN A CORNER OF A GARAGE, A BOX OF THE OLD FORT MADISON STREET RAILWAY TOKENS, IOWA 390 A AND B, AS WELL AS A FEW OF THE NEW DISCOVERY SCHOOL TOKEN, 390 D. AT THE TIME HE REPORTED THIS FIND TO THE EDITOR, HE ALSO SENT ALONG SOME INTERESTING DATA ON THE OLD COMPANY.

FORT MADISON STREET RAILWAY WAS ORGANIZED JUNE 2, 1887, AND WAS COMPLETED AND IN OPERATION EARLY IN JULY OF THAT YEAR. THE MOTIVE POWER WAS MULES UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1895, WHEN IT CHANGED TO ELECTRICITY. TRACK WAS CONSTRUCTED WITH 56 LB. RAIL, AND THE CARS USED BRILL TRUCKS AND WESTINGHOUSE MOTORS. CARS WERE MADE TO ORDER BY WELLS-FRENCH COMPANY OF CHICAGO. THE LINE OPERATED FROM A POINT NEAR THE IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY TO IVANHOE PARK, A DISTANCE OF FOUR MILES. CARS OPERATED ON A 15-MINUTE HEADWAY, AND IN GOOD WEATHER OPEN-AIR TRAILERS WERE EMPLOYED.

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## GARLAND, TEXAS, TOKENS AVAILABLE FREE

JOHN CLYMER OF DALLAS RECENTLY DID SOME INVESTIGATING, AND DISCOVERED THAT OUR TOKEN, TEX 365 A, IS NOW OBSOLETE. HOWEVER, HE CONTACTED THE FORMER OWNER OF THE LINE, A MR. MULLINS, AND ASCERTAINED THAT MR. MULLINS WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEND ONE OF THE TOKENS TO ANY COLLECTOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE IN HIS COLLECTION, GRATIS. SO IF YOU NEED TEX 365 A, WRITE MR. T.A. MULLINS, 1204 W. AVENUE E, GARLAND, TEXAS. SEND A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AND EXPLAIN THAT YOU WANT ONE OF THE GARLAND BUS TOKENS. WE ARE INDEBTED TO MR. CLYMER FOR HIS THOUGHTFULNESS AND TROUBLE ON BEHALF OF HIS FELLOW COLLECTORS.

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## THE SANTA MONICA CONVENTION

THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL MEET IN THE GEORGIAN HOTEL, SANTA MONICA, CALIF., AUGUST 1 AND 2, 1959. THIS IS A CROWDED TIME OF YEAR, AND COLLECTORS PLANNING TO ATTEND ARE ASKED AGAIN TO CONTACT MR. ATWOOD AND HAVE HIM MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR YOU.

A.V.A. CONVENTIONS ARE THE HIGH POINT OF THE YEAR IN TOKEN COLLECTING, AND YOU WILL NEVER REGRET IT IF YOU COME. THE BUSINESS SESSIONS ARE BRIEF, BUT THE PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, THE SWAPPING, BUYING, AND SELLING OF TOKENS, GO ON INTO THE NIGHT. IT'S A LOT OF FUN, AND IT CAN BE A PERFECT VACATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF THE NICEST PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. AND IT'S ALWAYS COOL IN SANTA MONICA, RIGHT ON THE PACIFIC OCEAN. WRITE TO ROLAND C. ATWOOD - 2818 COLORADO AVE. - SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA.

THE TAMA & TOLEDO ELECTRIC RAILWAY  
BY HAROLD FORD, JR.

IN MARCH, 1893, THE CITY COUNCIL OF TOLEDO, IOWA, PASSED ORDINANCE 42, GRANTING A MR. T.L. SEEVERS AN ELECTRIC LIGHT FRANCHISE, AND ORDINANCE 43 GRANTING THE PRIVILEGE TO "BUILD, MAINTAIN, CONSTRUCT, AND OPERATE" A STREETCAR SYSTEM IN TOLEDO. THE TAMA CITY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY MET AND GRANTED SIMILAR PRIVILEGES. MR. SEEVERS, BEING A PROMOTER, DID NOT CARRY OUT THESE PRIVILEGES. SO IN DECEMBER, 1893, NEW ORDINANCES 44 AND 45 WERE GRANTED BY THE TOLEDO COUNCIL TO MR. L.H. ONG, AND IN JANUARY, 1894, TAMA PASSED NEW ORDINANCES GRANTING TO MR. ONG THE SAME PRIVILEGES THAT HAD BEEN GRANTED TO MR. SEEVERS.

MR. ONG HAD ASSOCIATED WITH HIM MESSRS. W.C. SMITH AND E. R. SMITH OF TOLEDO, AND W.E. BRICE OF TAMA, AND "OTHERS." LIKE SO MANY PROMOTERS, THESE MEN WERE LOW IN FINANCES, SO THE TOLEDO SAVINGS BANK CAME TO THEIR RESCUE AND FURNISHED THE NECESSARY FUNDS. BUT IN REALITY IT WAS MR. LEANDER CLARK, PRESIDENT OF THE BANK, AND MR. W.C. WALTERS, VICE-PRESIDENT, WHO CAME TO THE RESCUE. THE TAMA & TOLEDO RAILWAY BECAME THE PROPERTY OF THE BANK IN 1899.

AS ELECTRIC LIGHT AND RAILWAY PROPERTY WERE NOT CONSIDERED PROPER SECURITY FOR A BANK TO HOLD, LEANDER CLARK AND W.C. WALTERS TOOK OVER THE PROPERTY WITH W.C. WALTERS BECOMING PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER. THE NEW STOCKHOLDERS WERE C.E. WALTERS, J.P. WALTERS, H.H. SHANKLIN. C.E. AND J.P. WERE THE SONS OF W.C. WALTERS. MR. ONG CONTINUED AS MANAGER OF THE STREET RAILWAY END OF THE BUSINESS.

IN 1911 THE COMPANY SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE OPERATIONS, THE LIGHTING PORTION OF THE ORIGINAL PROPERTY BECOMING THE TAMA & TOLEDO ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, AND THE TAMA & TOLEDO RAILWAY COMPANY TOOK OVER THE TRANSPORTATION END OF THE PROPERTY. IN 1912 BOTH COMPANIES BECAME A PART OF THE IOWA ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO., OF CEDAR RAPIDS. J.P. WALTERS BECAME MANAGER OF THE TAMA & TOLEDO DISTRICT. C.E. WALTERS CONTINUED AS A STOCKHOLDER, AND WORKED IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AS ATTORNEY. FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF J.P. WALTERS, DON V. WELLS BECAME MANAGER OF THE DISTRICT. SERVICE WAS DISCONTINUED ON THE STREET RAILWAY ABOUT 1926.

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SPECIAL A.V.A. TICKETS FOR LAWRENCE WELK

A.V.A. CONVENTION CHAIRMAN ROLAND ATWOOD REPORTS THAT LAWRENCE WELK HAS CALLED AND SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET THE A.V.A., AND WOULD HAVE SPECIAL TICKETS PRINTED BEARING THE NAME OF OUR ASSOCIATION, AT A REDUCTION IN PRICE FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE. \$1.50 EACH. IF ANY MEMBERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION WOULD LIKE TO GO, GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. ATWOOD.

## NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THIS MONTH WE ARE NOT LISTING ANY TOKENS, AS THE INFORMATION WE HAVE ON A COUPLE THAT WE HAVE IS INCOMPLETE. SO I WANT TO COMMENT, FIRST, ON SOME INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM GER-ALD JOHNSON UP IN WISCONSIN RAPIDS. IN ADDITION TO THE TOKENS LISTED IN OUR CATALOGUE AS OHIO 85 A B C, THERE MAY ALSO BE OTHER TOKENS WHICH WE HAVE LISTED FROM THE WRONG CITY. SO IF ANYONE HAS DOUBTS AS TO THE CORRECT CITY LISTING OF ANY OTHER TOKENS IN OUR CATALOGUE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THE ACCURACY OF THE CATALOGUE DEPENDS UPON THE EFFORTS OF EVERYONE.

ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO, BEFORE I WAS NEW ISSUES EDITOR, I BOUGHT A COLLECTION IN WHICH WAS A TOKEN FROM MANKATO, MINN., WHICH HAD BEEN GROUND DOWN TO ABOUT THE SIZE OF A NICKEL. THIS WAS JUST BEFORE THE 1953 CHECK LIST CAME OUT, AND IN DISCUSSING THIS ITEM WITH OTHER COLLECTORS IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO LIST THIS CUT-DOWN TOKEN, BECAUSE IT WAS SUCH A CRUDE JOB. IT WAS FIGURED THAT ANYONE COULD TAKE A 23MM TOKEN, WHICH WAS QUITE COMMON, AND CUT IT DOWN TO THE NICKEL-SIZE TOKEN. DURING THE PAST YEAR, HOWEVER, MR. CHESNEY VISITED MANKATO AND DISCOVERED THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THE CUT-DOWN TOKENS IN THE CITY MUSEUM, WHICH COULD INDICATE THAT THEY WERE CUT DOWN BY THE COMPANY AS AN OFFICIAL ISSUE. SO IF ANYONE HAS THESE TOKENS, HOLD ON TO THEM. AT THIS TIME I WOULDN'T KNOW THE EXACT SIZE TO LIST THEM, AS THE ONES I HAVE SEEN WEREN'T THE TYPE FROM WHICH TO GET A GOOD MEASUREMENT.

ANOTHER SUBJECT, AND PROBLEM, IS WHEN TO LIST CERTAIN PLATED TOKENS? FOR INSTANCE LAST YEAR WHEN CONN 290 G WAS LISTED I WAS TOLD THAT AN EFFORT WAS MADE TO PICK OUT THE STEEL ONES SO THEY WOULDN'T BE PLATED; SO WE DIDN'T LIST THEM. NOW I AM TOLD THAT HALF A DOZEN OF THEM WERE FOUND PLATED; BUT FOR NOW I WON'T LIST THEM AS THEY SEEM TO BE IN THE ERROR CATEGORY. HOWEVER, IF ENOUGH OF THEM TURN UP PLATED, SO AS TO INDICATE THEY WERE DELIBERATELY PLATED, THEN THEY MAY MERIT LISTING. RECENTLY ON THE TOLEDO, O., TOKENS IT WAS FOUND THAT ONE OUT OF 5 WOULD BE A ZINC, SO THE ZINC, COPPER-PLATED, WAS LISTED. THE ONLY REASON THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH SENT TO MEMBERS OF N.I.S. IS BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NECESSARY TO ORDER 300 OR SO EXTRA ONES IN ORDER TO BE SURE TO GET THE ZINCS, AND THERE WAS NO WAY OF DISPOSING OF THE NON-ZINC EXTRAS. SO WHEN TOKENS ARE PLATED WE FIRST HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT AN EFFORT WAS MADE TO PICK OUT THE ZINC OR STEEL ONES FIRST.

ANOTHER TOKEN LISTED TOO SOON WAS NH 640 L. WHEN WE LEARNED THAT 640 K EXISTED, IT WAS ASSUMED THAT SOME BRASS ONES WERE ALSO PLATED. BUT LATER WE FOUND OUT THAT ONLY THE WHITE METAL ONES WERE PLATED. SO UNLESS IT CAN BE PROVED OTHERWISE, NH 640 L WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE CATALOGUE.

= DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! USE YOUR BALLOT! =

## THE WOOD COUNTY BRIDGE COMPANY

THREE TOKENS WHICH HAVE BEEN OF MYSTERIOUS BACKGROUND ARE OHIO 85 A B C, AS LISTED IN THE CATALOGUE. FOR MANY YEARS WE HAVE TRIED TO LOCATE THE STORY BEHIND THESE TOKENS, WITH NO SUCCESS. IT NOW DEVELOPS THAT WE HAD NO SUCCESS BECAUSE WE WERE LOOKING FOR THE INFORMATION IN OHIO INSTEAD OF WISCONSIN. FOR YEARS THESE TOKENS HAVE BEEN LISTED, INCORRECTLY IT NOW APPEARS, FROM BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.

GERALD JOHNSON OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WISC., LOCATED THE STORY OF THIS BRIDGE IN A VOLUME OF THE HISTORY OF HIS CITY. THE WOOD COUNTY BRIDGE COMPANY BUILT THE FIRST BRIDGE ACROSS THE WISCONSIN RIVER, CONNECTING THE TOWNS OF GRAND RAPIDS AND CENTRAILIA. THE BRIDGE WAS BUILT IN 1867, AND TOLLS WERE SET AS FOLLOWS: FOR ANY VEHICLE DRAWN BY 2 HORSES, MULES, OR OXEN OR OTHER ANIMALS, 25¢, AND FOR EACH ADDITIONAL ANIMAL 5¢. FOR ANY VEHICLE DRAWN BY ONE HORSE OR OTHER ANIMAL 15¢. FOR SINGLE HORSE WITH RIDER, 10¢. FOR HORSES, CATTLE, MULES, IN DROVES EXCEEDING 10, 3¢ EACH; UNDER 10 IN DROVES, 5¢; FOR HOGS OR SHEEP IN DROVES, 2½¢ EACH. FOOT PASSENGERS 3¢. IN MARCH OF 1873 THE BRIDGE WAS SOLD BY THE COMPANY TO THE COUNTY, AND IT BECAME A FREE BRIDGE. SO IT SEEMS SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE TOKENS WERE USED ONLY FROM 1867 TO 1873.

SO UNLESS VALID OBJECTION IS FORTHCOMING, THE WOOD CO. BRIDGE CO. TOKENS, NOW KNOWN AS OHIO 85 A B C, WILL BE CHANGED TO WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WISCONSIN. THE REASON FOR LISTING THEM UNDER WISCONSIN RAPIDS IS THIS: THE BRIDGE CONNECTED THE TWO TOWNS OF CENTRAILIA AND GRAND RAPIDS. AFTER THE BRIDGE WAS BUILT, THE TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS ANNEXED THE TOWN OF CENTRAILIA, LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE "LAWLESSNESS" OF THE LATTER TOWN. LATER DUE TO CONFUSION IN THE POSTOFFICE, THE NAME WAS CHANGED FROM "GRAND RAPIDS" TO "WISCONSIN RAPIDS."

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ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS  
- MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 12, 1959 -

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE A.C.T.T.C. WAS HELD SUN., APRIL 12 AT 2 P.M. AT CLIFTON'S CAFETERIA, 5000 LAKEWOOD BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIF. REGULAR MEMBERS ATTENDING INCLUDED ATWOOD, CUTLER, FICKLIN, MILLER, ROHRER, ROSS, K. SMITH, R. SMITH. IN ADDITION, MR. RITTERBAND AND MR. F.P. SNYDER WERE WELCOMED TO THEIR FIRST MEETING. VISITORS INCLUDED MRS. FICKLIN, MRS. ROHRER, STEPHEN ROHRER, MRS. ROSS, AND MR. AND MRS. C.A. WHEELER. THE COMING A.V.A. CONVENTION WAS DISCUSSED, AND A SALE AND EXCHANGE OF TOKENS FOLLOWED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE MEETING, WHICH ADJOURNED AT 4 P.M.

- EDRICK J. MILLER, TREAS.

= REMEMBER A.V.A. CONVENTION, SANTA MONICA, CAL., AUGUST 1-2 =



# THE FARE BOX

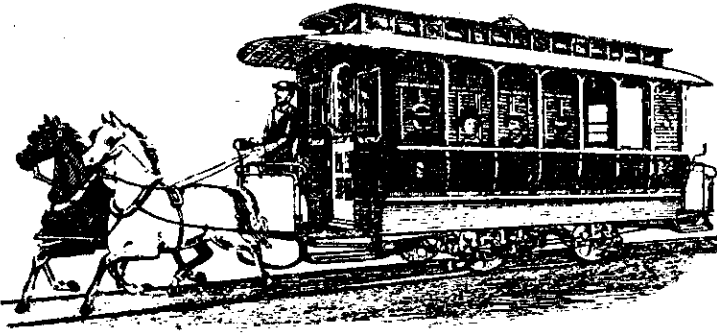
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The Fare Box begins its 13th year of publication with a reminder to all A.V.A. members that the biggest event of the year for token collectors takes place in Santa Monica, California. The annual convention of the American Vecturist Association will be held August 1 and 2, 1959, at the Georgian Hotel. We hope to see you there. If you arrive Friday evening, someone will be on hand to greet you. Speaking of the Convention, members should be giving some thought to the 1960 convention. If you want it for your city, be sure to send in your bid to the Santa Monica convention.

Don't forget to mark your official ballot, if you haven't already done so. It was mailed with the June issue, and must be received by the end of July. This is a very important election, and promises to be close. Contests in the past have been decided by one vote.

The Editor didn't bring much material with him, so I hope you readers will be able to contribute some articles for our August issue. At present, there is nothing on hand for it. And while we are at it, remember that the Editor's summer address is: 4104 Sixth Avenue - Tacoma 6, Wash. (until August 20).

Roland Atwood was traveling again last month, and your Editor and Mr. F.G. Smith enjoyed a pleasant visit with him June 15 in Boston. He will be back in Santa Monica for the Convention.

As is our custom, the Foreign Check List pages will not be mailed with the July or August issues of The Fare Box because of the high cost of mimeographing in Tacoma. They will resume with the September issue. Meanwhile, if there are any volunteers to help cut stencils, we'd like to hear from them. Meanwhile...we'll be looking for you in Santa Monica.



The June meeting of the Association of California Transportation Token Collectors was held Sunday, June 14, at 2 p.m., at Clifton's Cafeteria, 5000 Lakewood Blvd., Lakewood, Calif. Regular members attending included Messrs. von Boltenstern, Cutler, Ficklin, Miller, Rohrer, Ross, K.E. Smith, R.H. Smith, and F.P. Snyder. Visitors included Mrs. Ficklin, Mrs. Rohrer, and Mrs. Ross. A postcard from club member Harold Ford Jr. was read to the members present urging support for the coming AVA election. Mr. von Boltenstern informed members that he had been contacted by Emzy Thompson of Dallas, Tex., which resulted in a financial loss. He suggests that new members of the AVA, when dealing with Mr. Thompson, request cash or tokens in advance. Again the coming AVA Convention was discussed, and a sale and exchange of tokens followed for the balance of the meeting, which was adjourned at 4 p.m.

- Edrick J. Miller, Treasurer

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### NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

Through the untiring efforts of Mr. F.G. Smith of Quincy, Mass., we are able to send you a new issue this month, another Supreme Taxi token similar to Mass 115, 660, and 960. This one has letter "F" for Franklin Park, and it will be listed under Boston (115 U). Thank you, Mr. Smith. Other than this token, I have nothing to send and nothing in view. I am still waiting on the Canadian tokens I mentioned last month. So far I haven't received them; as soon as I do I shall forward to you on my Canadian list, along with the taxi token. Just got a lead on another Canadian token; more about this one next month. Hope to see some of you at the Convention next month. Try to be there.

The first electric street railway in Portland dates back to November, 1889. It ran from 3rd & Clisan, across the steel bridge to Albina.

- John G. Nicolosi

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Mr. Nicolosi has asked the Editor to mention that the quota of 100 members of New Issues Service is filled at present, so there is no room for any more members of N.I.S. However, those interested in joining this service which sends out all new issues which can be obtained, should write Mr. Nicolosi and have their names put on the waiting list. When a member quits, the opening will be filled from the waiting list.

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Connecticut Company has raised fares on all its lines to 20¢ cash. All plated tokens are being called in at the rate of 2 for 35¢ and will be redeemed till Dec. 31, 1959....fares in Detroit are now 25¢ cash....Trenton Transit has sold out to a new firm, Capital Transit Company....Akron, Ohio, substituted diesel buses for all its trolley buses on June 6....Twin City Transit Co. of Centralia & Chehalis, Wash., has gone out of business....

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE A.V.A. ELECTION - USE YOUR BALLOT RIGHT AWAY

Our bronze 10th Anniversary Medal has the A.V.A. seal on its obverse and an authentic horsecar on the reverse. In checking the membership roster I find that there are just 109 members who do not own an A.V.A. 10th anniversary medal. I fail to see how I can fill all your orders as the supply is limited. However if you order at once I shall forward at once, at \$1.04 each on a first come, first served basis. Remittance will be returned if and when supply is exhausted.

F. Gordon Smith - 14 Miller Stile Road - Quincy 69, Mass.

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#### COMMENTS ON A TOKEN HUNT

For an active token collector, any extended trip is also a token-hunting expedition. Thus the Editor's auto trip from Boston, Mass., to Tacoma, Wash., last month, included a lot of searching out for old tokens. Some of the interesting highlights included a visit to the now-defunct Schuylkill Transit Co. office in Mahanoy City, Pa., where a friendly official, in process of moving his office, found 5 of the very rare Pa 590 C in his drawer (he gave 'em to me gratis). In Minersville, Pa., after driving all over town I finally located the whereabouts of the old Frantz bus lines garage, and obtain 10 of the Pa 645 B which I still needed (also gratis). East Penn Transportation Co. in Pottsville said "we save our odd tokens for our own collectors" whatever that meant. So no luck there. Ended the day with a nice visit with Dan DiMichael in Coatesville.

Two days later a fine chat (30 minutes) with the General Manager of Charleston Transit (W.Va.) but no tokens. At Huntington, W.Va., the President of Ohio Valley Bus Co. was in a friendly, talkative, mood--but still no tokens of any kind. They have taken over the Blue Ribbon lines of Ashland, Ky., so all your Ky 10 tokens are obsolete. Later, a nice visit with Johnnie Jones in Springfield, Mo., after fruitless searches in Ironton, O., Lexington, Ky., and Cairo, Ill. In Carthage I learned that the "Inter-City Transit Bus Co." which issued Mo 430 C and D is really known as "Joplin-Carthage Bus Lines." The fare is 35¢ from Carthage to Joplin. The tokens are no longer in use because the supply simply ran out. However, the driver of one of their buses, sitting at a corner in Carthage, found 3 of the red ones in his utility box and let me have them gratis (I still need the green one!). Visited several junk shops in Enid, Okla., and found a lady who owns one of the Okla 330 A tokens, but it was "in storage." If, and when, she gets it out, she will send it to me--for a price. In Alamosa, Colo., was able to get one of the taxi tokens. They were used in the 1920's.

In San Francisco I had an enjoyable visit with Freiberg, Ford, and Nicolosi, and we talked tokens for three days straight. Harold is leaving for Europe this month, so will be out of touch for a while. Mail sent to his Wadsworth, Kans., address will reach him eventually.

It was a pleasant trip; I picked up several tokens I needed, including some good ones. But it was nice to get back to Washington State, and meet with the Seattle boys again after nearly a year's absence. As usual, I learned that there are plenty of tokens to be had if you take the trouble to look for them.

I have one Scotland 300 B to trade for Scotland 300 A, or any other Scottish token listed at same price. Also for trade: NY 800 A.  
For Sale: Pa 70 A B, Ohio 165 T W, NC 630 A, Quebec 620 U 30%.  
John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland 1, Calif.  
For Sale or Trade: the following \$2.85 catalog value for \$2.50 postpaid: Cal 240 A; Ind 610 E (Rev. B & C); NJ 115 C; NY 630 AB, AM, 631 O, P, Q; Va 600 I & L. Or will trade these for any token of \$2.50 catalog value.  
George W. Schroder - 78-14 160th Street - Flushing 66, N.Y.  
Will Trade: Ontario 675 C D & G for any token cataloging 50% and over, or will sell for cash at discount from catalog. Also have Kurth Game Counters # K3A, 9, 10, 25, 25A, 26A, 65, 66, 76, to trade for other counters or transportations, or will sell. Postpaid envelope please.  
Foster B. Pollack - 1841 Broadway, Rm 201 - New York 23, N.Y.  
Attention New Collectors: Build up your collection at my expense. I am clearing the remainder of my tokens in package lots of 15 tokens for just \$1.00 plus 10% postage. These tokens are catalogued at \$2.25 total. Mail your \$1.10 today.  
Ron O'Donovan - 1164 Hector Bay, Grant Park - Winnipeg 9, Man.  
New Collectors - Send for my list of duplicates I have for sale. Some that are for sale: Iowa 600 A, 850 J; NY 70 A, 305 A, 790 A B C D; Pa 870 A. All at Catalogue.  
Daniel DiMichael - P.O. Box 485 - Coatesville, Pa.  
For Sale at Catalogue: Minn 300 A; NH 240 A; NJ 555 D; NY 10 J, 230 B J; NY 615 D F G, 760 A B C, 995 A; Ohio 125 H K, 355 A; RI 700 E; Tenn 120 F; DC 500 C Q Y.  
A.A. Gibbons - 300 Lenox Road - Brooklyn 26, N.Y.  
There are now 12 tokens issued by Supreme Taxi Service. Namely: Mass 115 O P (lge & sm letters & numerals) Q R S T U, 660 A B, 960 A B. For a limited times these tokens will be supplied at 30% each or all 12 for \$3.50 postpaid. Also Mass 630 ABCDEF at Catalogue, or all 6 for 95%.  
F. Gordon Smith - 14 Miller Stile Rd. - Quincy 69, Mass.

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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#### BOOK ON OLD RAILROADS AVAILABLE

Mr. F.G. Smith reports that U.S. National Museum Bulletin #210 will be of interest to those interested in "The Vanishing Iron Horse." It contains 112 pages with pictures of remaining relics and operable replicas, representing the first quarter century of steam locomotives, plus a supplement of 21 National Museum models of recent vintage. Price \$1.00 cash or money order payable to Superintendent of Documents U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

JULY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE  
By Ralph Freiberg

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston 115 (reported by F. Gordon Smith)  
SUPREME TAXI SERVICE F (F for Franklin Park)  
U B 35 Sd (blank)(incuse black letters on obverse) .25

PENNSYLVANIA

East Brady 315 (reported by Max M. Schwartz)  
EAST BRADY BRIDGE CO. GOOD FOR ONE FOOT PASSENGER  
C o B 24 Sd (blank)(obverse letters incuse) 3.50

West Elizabeth 965 (reported by Bill & Corinne Black)  
G o B Oc Pc (same as 965 C but pierced) 3.50

WEST ELIZABETH BRIDGE CO. ONE FOOT PASSENGER  
H o B Oc Sd (blank)(obverse letters incuse)(29mm) 3.50

TEXAS

Patterns 998 (reported by Max M. Schwartz)  
HOUSTON ELECTRIC COMPANY  
C WM 16 W Good For One Fare Full  
EL PASO CITY LINES, INC. (BUS)  
H B 16 Bar Good For One Fare (bus)

WISCONSIN

Merrill 500 (reported by Gerald Johnson)  
M. R. & L. CO. ONE FARE (22mm)  
F o B Cs Sd (blank)(obv. letters incuse)(Maltese cross) 3.50

Monroe 530 (corrected listing by Gerald Johnson)(ex Mich 650 B)  
MONROE TRANSIT LINES INC. (BUS)  
B o Bz 23 Bar Good For One Adult Fare (bus) 2.00

Wisconsin Rapids 980 (D reported by Gerald Johnson)  
WOOD CO. BRIDGE CO. (ex Ohio 85 A B C)  
A o K 20 Sd 2½c. .50  
B o K 20 Sd 15c. 2.50  
C o K 20 Sd 25 Cs. 2.00  
TRI-CITY BUS COMPANY (BUS)  
D o Bz 20 Bar Good For One Fare (bus) 1.00

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NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

We have one new issue for July, a token for another of the Supreme Markets in the Boston area. This store is known as the Franklin Park Store.

Next we have some discoveries of old tokens. First, another bridge token for East Brady. Since he found this token, Mr. Schwartz has the theory that most of these old bridges had three different tokens: one for "One Foot Passenger," one for "One Horse Vehicle," and one for "Two Horse Vehicle." For examples of such sets of 3 tokens, see Cohoes, Troy, and Waterford, N.Y. Now we have the 3 different tokens for East Brady, and perhaps someone may be lucky enough one of these days to come up with the third one for Bradys Bend, Pa. Mr. Schwartz also believes all tokens of East Brady are incuse. I have a rubbing of the B token which could be incuse, but at this time do

Then we come to a couple more varieties of the West Elizabeth Bridge. It seems we have the foot passenger, a one-horse token, and a 2-horse token, so we won't have to look for another token from there. However we do come up with varieties. The 965 G is the same as 965 C but pierced, so evidently these came both ways, pierced and solid. Then the 965 H token is almost the same but has "One Foot Passenger" instead of just "Foot Passenger."

Last month we mentioned that we believed the previous listings of the Wood County Bridge tokens were wrong. So far everyone seems to agree, and possibly this is one reason a couple of them seem to be scarce...i.e., everyone was looking in the wrong place. Now we can look for them in a new area. If no more are found, it's possible the prices may be raised. Mr. Coffee advanced the theory that some of these Wood Co. tokens had been struck over other tokens. Mr. Schwartz also mentioned that his 15c. one was struck over a Civil War token. I do not have the B or C tokens, and at present there are still very rare, so collectors who do have them would help if they'd let us know if their tokens were struck over other tokens. Wisconsin Rapids is a later name for the cities where this bridge was located. Gerald Johnson also reports another token from Wisconsin Rapids which was used right after the war, about 1946. He believes this line may have had another token, perhaps 16mm, but after they discontinued them, they were taken to the city dump. So it is doubtful if any supply of these will turn up, or even one of the 16mm one to let us know how to describe it. Mr. Johnson also was shown a token from Merrill in the shape of a Maltese cross. The owner of the token refused to part with it, although we obtained a rubbing, so as yet there are none of these in the hands of A.V.A. members. Probably it was used prior to the one listed as Wisc 500 A.

Next we have another token listed from the wrong state in the Catalogue. This was my error, as I was in a hurry to get everything listed in the new Catalogue. This line ran in 1948, and discontinued a few months later because of no business. The owner just packed up and left town. His name was Erling Langfried, so if anyone has access to a number of phone books, look up that name. Possibly this way we can find the former owner and perhaps locate some of the tokens. Meanwhile the token is unique.

Many times since The Fare Box began to be published I've heard collectors say there is no use looking for tokens because they have all be discovered. However, I think there are still plenty to be found. One period during which many tokens were issued, which we do not yet know about, was 1946 to 1949. The Fare Box was just getting started, and collectors weren't as well organized as they are today. It was the immediate post-war period, and many small operators were trying out bus lines to see if they would pay. Many such small lines did not pay and soon folded, after using tokens for a very short time. Wisc 980 D and 530 A might never have been reported if Mr. Johnson hadn't joined our ranks. So let me say to our newer collectors that a few questions asked here and there about defunct bus lines, whether or not they had tokens, may prove to be fruitful token-wise. Some of these tokens may have been used only a month.

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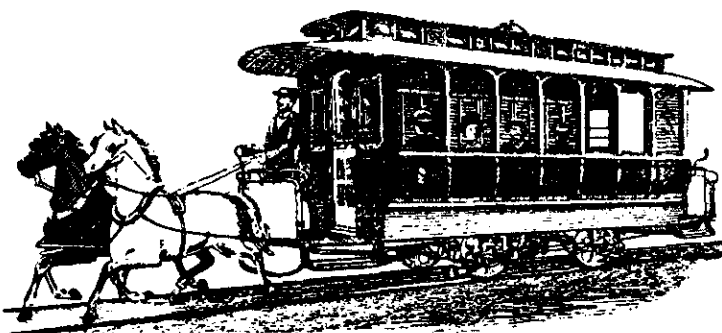
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The A.V.A. Convention at Santa Monica was highly successful and harmonious. Details will be found inside this issue, including the votes cast in the election of officers. Everyone present had a good time, and nearly every collector who was present added many tokens to his collection through trading. Everyone was given the special token from Santa Monica prepared for this occasion. Santa Monica is a particularly nice city, and although the temperature at Los Angeles, only 8 miles away, was nearly 100, it remained cool at Santa Monica, on the ocean. The Georgian Hotel directly overlooks the ocean, and many of us enjoyed sitting on the porch, viewing the blue Pacific through the palms across the street. Saturday evening some members took advantage of the special A.V.A. tickets to visit Lawrence Welk's show. Others rode the little tram along the ocean front. Sunday, several of us visited Disneyland, which is a fabulous place. Needless to say, we rode the horsecar several times, as well as the Monorail (the only one in America), the old-time trains, the old riverboat, etc. Later, at Knott's Berry Farm, we rode more old-time trains, stage coaches, cable cars, etc. All in all, it was a splendid vacation. Mr. Atwood is to be congratulated for a very difficult job done expertly and efficiently.

The Editor returns to Boston August 23, so henceforth address mail to our P.O. Box 1204 as in the past. I hope to visit some collectors along the way.

Harold Ford writes from Europe that he purchased many rare U.S. tokens at coin shops in Copenhagen, Denmark, including an unlisted depot token from Missouri! Which shows that you never know where you'll come across good tokens.

Our thanks to those who have sent in news items for The Fare Box. Please keep it up. Write us some articles and send them in.



NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION

- minutes of the meeting -

The meeting, at the Georgian Hotel, Santa Monica, California, was called to order at 11:20 a.m., August 1, 1959. Officers present were Mr. Kurtz, Vice-President; and Mr. Frisbee, Treasurer. The Vice-President presided in the absence of the President. He appointed Mr. Miller as Acting Secretary, and the following committees: Auditing - Nicolosi (Chairman), Kimmons, Rohrer. Election - Freiberg (Chairman), Coffee, Cutler.

The following members were present: Atwood, Carlson, Carr, Cassidy, Coffee, Cutler, Ficklin, Freiberg, Frisbee, Gallagher, Irwin, Kimmons, Kurtz, McDaniel, Miller, Nicolosi, Ritterband, Rohrer, Roselinsky, K. Smith, and von Boltenstern.

Visitors included: Mrs. Carr and family, Mr. & Mrs. M.A. Cutler, Mrs. Ficklin, Mr. J.C. Johnston, Mrs. Kimmons and family, Mrs. Rohrer and family, Mrs. K. Smith, Mrs. Carlson and family, and Mr. Lazear Israel.

Reading of the minutes of the 1958 convention was dispensed with, as they appeared in The Fare Box. They were approved as printed.

Mr. Coffee was then requested to read the proposed new Constitution, as submitted by Mr. Easterly's Committee. This document was read section by section, with discussion after each section. (The new revised constitution will be printed later and distributed to all members.) Some important changes and additions voted by the Convention included the following: (1) a provision for Life Membership, with the cost thereof to be set by the Executive Board. (2) All dues must now be paid by March 1, instead of April 1, of any given year. (3) A new article guaranteeing contracts entered into between the Executive Board and various members. A provision in the new Constitution, approved by the Convention, calls for the immediate past President to be a member of the Executive Board. Another approved provision limits eligibility for A.V.A. elective offices to those members who have been in the A.V.A. at least three years.

Although the proposed Constitution, as submitted by the Committee, vested supreme authority in the annual Conventions, it was voted to change this, and leave the final authority in the hands of the elected officers, as it was in the old Constitution.

All changes in the new Constitution were agreed to unanimously, after much discussion. At the end of the reading, the new Constitution, as revised and amended by this Convention, was unanimously approved and submitted to the Executive Board for final approval.

A letter from the Midwest Transportation Token & Ticket Club was read, in which it was recommended that annual conventions be held only every two years, instead of annually. Discussion ensued, but it was finally voted, unanimously, to continue to hold conventions every year.

Mr. Coffee then read the Secretary's report, submitted by Mr. Dawson. Mr. Frisbee then read the Treasurer's report. These were turned over to the Auditing Committee.

Letters of greeting were then read from Mr. Eisenberg, A.V.A. President; from the Midwest Club; and a telegram from the Seattle Transportation Token Club.



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Mr. Coffee then read his report for the Catalogue Committee and for The Fare Box. In this he reported that 535 copies of the 1958 Atwood's Catalogue have been distributed, and 465 remain unsold. Copies of the Catalogue have been distributed throughout the world; they are stocked by dealers in England, and requests for information, and orders, have been received from many foreign countries, including several behind the Iron Curtain. Our Catalogue is now stocked by dozens of dealers in this country, and large department stores in every major city carry the Catalogue in their coin departments. The wide distribution of our catalogue has resulted in many requests for information about the A.V.A., and many new members. Copies have been purchased by a dozen large public libraries. At the present time the Catalogue Committee has \$864.75 in its account, and Mr. Coffee expressed the belief that any new editions of the Catalogue could be published without any further expense to the A.V.A. Treasury. In the meantime, a supplement to the 1958 Catalogue is being prepared.

With regard to The Fare Box, Mr. Coffee commented on the large expense of mailing copies at First Class Mail, noting that the postage bill for the first half of 1959 amounted to \$80.00. He noted that this will be even higher should Congress hike postage rates an additional one cent per ounce, as some people hope it will do.

The Editor's report was turned over to the Auditing Committee.

The First Session was then adjourned for lunch at 1:10 p.m.

The Second Session was called to order at 2:10 p.m. The first order of business was reading the report of the Election Committee. The results of the A.V.A. election for officers were as follows: (134 ballots were cast). FOR PRESIDENT: Eisenberg 83, Rohrer 51. FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: Atwood 68, F.G. Smith 50, Kurtz 16. FOR SECRETARY: DiMichael 134. FOR TREASURER: Frisbee 131 (3 blanks). FOR CURATOR: Baake 79, Thrall 28, DeVos 22 (5 blanks).

So the new officers are Eisenberg, Atwood, DiMichael, Frisbee, and Baake. These five, together with Mr. Kimmons, will now constitute the Executive Board.

The Auditing Committee then reported that all reports were in order.

Mr. Kurtz then called for bids for the site of the 1960 A.V.A. Convention. Mr. Atwood read a written invitation from Miss Kelly to hold the convention in Portland, Ore. Mr. Kimmons made a bid for Austin, Texas. After much discussion, it was voted to hold the convention at Austin.

A vote of appreciation was then given to all A.V.A. officers for the past year, and to the Editor of The Fare Box.

A motion to adjourn was then made, seconded, and carried. The convention adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

EDRICK J. MILLER, Acting Secy.

Following the convention, the members and their families enjoyed an excellent meal at the banquet which was held in the dining room of the Georgian Hotel.

Wanted - a full copy of last completely published Foreign Check List. For Trade: Ontario 675 C D & G (Cat. \$1 each) for any token cataloging 50% and over, or will sell for cash at discount from catalog. Also have Kurth Game Counters #K3A,9,10,25A,26A,65,66,76, to trade for other counters or transportations, or will sell. Postpaid envelope please.

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Wilton Merrifield - 1411 English Ave. - Indianapolis 1, Ind.

For Sale at catalogue: Minn 190 B C; NJ 885 A B (narrow slots); NY 745 B; ND 260 C, 960 A; Pa 70 A B, 200 A B C D, 340 D, 750 V, 775 B; Va 560 A; W.Va. 140 B, 850 A; Porto Rico 640 E F; Philippines 500 C. A.A. Gibbons - 300 Lenox Road - Brooklyn 26, N.Y.

New Collectors: Send for my list of duplicates I have for sale. Some that are for sale: Ia 600 A, 850 J; NY 70 A, 305 A, 790 A B C D; Pa 870 A. All at catalogue.

Daniel DiMichael - P.O. Box 485 - Coatesville, Pa.

I will pay \$10 for a copy of the mimeographed Kenworthy-Dunn Check List of transportation tokens (U.S. & Foreign) issued in the early 1930's. Must be in decent condition.

J.M. Coffee, Jr. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston 4, Mass.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

306 Jack K. Patsch - 259 East Pike St. - Houston, Pennsylvania

Age 32; Auto Dealer. 150 tokens.

307 Jack Marles - P.O. Box 833 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Age 35; Professional Numismatist.

308 John J. Ford, Jr. - 176 Hendrickson Ave. - Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Age 35; Professional Numismatist.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

276 Edgar W. Keller - 4319 N. Albany Ave. - Chicago 18, Illinois

275 Gerald Johnson - 1921 Chase Street - Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

264 Frances E. Shaffer - 411 Dunbar Ave. - Dunbar, West Virginia

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Wichita has upped tokens from 6 for \$1 to 5 for 90%; student fare of 10¢ now replaced by 12½¢ tokens....Syracuse has upped tokens from 5 for 85¢ to 4 for 75¢....Midwest Transit of Muscatine, Ia., now sells tokens at 7 for \$1.25; children's fare now is 10 tokens for \$1....At Joplin, Mo., Joplin Transit has upped tokens from 5 for 65¢ to 6 for \$1....Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has gone back to tokens at 2 for 45¢.

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# AUGUST SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Santa Monica 835 (reported by Roland C. Atwood)  
 H B 23 SM-sc (same as 835 D but silver-plated) \$0.25

CONNECTICUT

New Britain 290 (reported by Max M. Schwartz)  
 O o S 16 Ball (same as 290 H but silver-plated) .20

IOWA

Waterloo 930 (reported by Kenneth Smith)  
 WATERLOO STREET RY. CO. 5  
 J o A 26 Sd Logan House Waterloo 3.50

NEW YORK

Patterns 998 (reported by J.M. Coffee)  
 H. & M. ONE FARE  
 L S 16 Sd (same as obverse)

WASHINGTON

Patterns 998 (reported by August J. Nilson)  
 BELLINGHAM CITY LINES, INC. B.C.L.  
 I Z 16 Bar Good For One Fare (bus)  
 SEATTLE & RAINIER VALLEY RY. CO.  
 J WM 16 S Good For One City Fare

UNIDENTIFIED

(63 reported by Dominic DiBenedetto)  
 CHIDESTER & PICKETT GOOD FOR ONE FARE  
 63 B 23 Sd (blank) ("Chidester & Pickett" incuse on Obverse)  
 LOCH HILL IDLEWYLDE BUS (BUS)  
 64 Bz 23 Ball Good For One Fare (bus) (2 slots)

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA

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LANGLEY BUS LINES

A o	Fy 19 Sd	One Way Fare (incuse blue ltrs on both sides)	.25
B o	Pr 27 Sd	" " " { " gold " " " " }	.30
C	Pr 28 Sd	" " " { " white " " " " }	.30
D	Pb 28 Sd	" " " { " " " " " " }	.35

CANADA - QUEBEC

Montreal 620 (reported by J.A.W. Cassidy)  
 CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS FONT VICTORIA  
 /CHEMINS DE FER NATIONAUX BRIDGE  
 V WM 22 Sd National Harbours Board Font Jacques Cartier  
 /Conseil Des Ports Nationaux Bridge .25

CORRECTIONS

In July Fare Box, Monroe, Wisc., should be Wisc 530 A (not B).  
 And Texas Pattern 998 H should be listed as 998 D.

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George Fuld reports an interesting advertising piece, which come collectors might mistake for a regular transportation token:

Bz 25 Sd TWIN COACH CORP. KENT, OHIO TWIN COACH  
 (bus)

This month we have a plated token for Santa Monica. It was mentioned on page 8, January Fare Box, that special tokens might be made for the A.V.A. Convention. The Santa Monica bus system took some of their 23mm brass tokens and silver-plated them. Each member attending the Convention was given one of these tokens. After seeing the plating on the tokens, which really stands out, the bus system is thinking about plating a quantity of them to use on return trips of some of their charter tours. But for the present, there would not be enough of these for the New Issues Service, as the small quantity so far plated were disposed of at the Convention.

Next, a plated token for C R & L Lines of Connecticut. I was under the impression that the steel ones were picked out and not plated, but Mr. Schwartz has come up with enough of these to prove that there are enough of them that were placed in circulation to warrant a listing. Sometimes the first information I get is not always right.

The new discovery from Waterloo, Iowa, is not a new token, and very little is known about it. I imagine it was used about 1900.

Maverick 63 I would guess to be from Camden, Ark., but as I am not sure of this, it is being listed as a Maverick for the present.

Maverick 64 remains a mystery. From the type of bus pictured, it was probably issued during the last 7 years.

Langley Bus Lines began using tokens about 1953. They first used the yellow plastic tokens, but finding them too small to distinguish they switched to the red and blue tokens a couple years later. They are still able to send some of the yellow ones to the New Issues Service, but they were running out of the red ones. So they had some more made, and the second batch came in a slightly different size. The original red tokens are marked obsolete as the company did not have enough of these to send to the N.I.S., but sent us the new ones.

With regard to another of the bridge tokens from Montreal: I imagine that if enough of these various tokens were examined, there might be even more varieties. Mr. Cassidy informs me that in making these tokens some of the dies broke and different dies were substituted. In a future Fare Box Mr. Cassidy hopes to get enough information on this to run an article.

Next month we shall probably list a new token from Terre Haute, Ind., and another one from Bridgeton, N.J. Usually I like to get information regarding such tokens so I can make a correct listing with some information for the Notes. We also expect a listing of a token from Trois Rivers, P.Q., Canada.

Notice has appeared in transportation magazines that Vancouver will have a metal token (Canada). In this respect, there are some companies that are changing to Grant Money Meter fare boxes, and companies that formerly used paper tickets will then have to use metal tokens, which is what we collectors like. A couple years back Cincinnati switched to this type of box, so metal tokens were used. Now when Vancouver, B.C., gets these boxes which may not be for a couple of months yet, they expect to use a half fare token. The New Issues Service has already contacted the company, and we expect to get them when they are issued.

# THE FARE BOX

A MONTHLY NEWS-LETTER FOR COLLECTORS OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

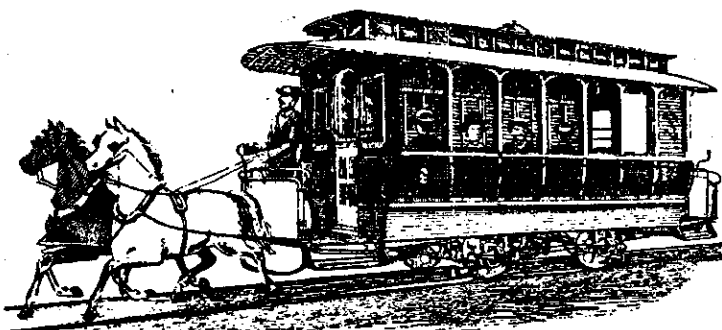
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BEGINNING WITH THIS ISSUE, REPORTS OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP WILL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE SPONSORING MEMBER WHO SIGNS THE APPLICATION. PERHAPS THIS WILL ENCOURAGE OUR PRESENT MEMBERS TO GO OUT AND GATHER IN SOME NEW BRETHREN.

WHILE VISITING RALPH FREIBERG IN SAN FRANCISCO I WAS SURPRISED WHEN HE SHOWED ME AN OLD MIMEOGRAPHED TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CHECK LIST--THE ORIGINAL KENWORTHY-DUNN LIST--PRINTED BACK IN THE EARLY 1930'S. IF YOU HAVE READ THE FOREWORD TO OUR 1958 CATALOGUE YOU WILL KNOW THAT I HAD THOUGHT THE KEIM PRINTING WAS THE FIRST PRINTED TOKEN LIST IN THIS COUNTRY. IT NOW APPEARS I WAS WRONG. THE MIMEOGRAPHED KENWORTHY-DUNN LIST WAS A GOOD Mimeo JOB, INCLUDING BOTH A U.S. AND FOREIGN SECTION. IF ANYONE CAN GIVE ME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS LIST, OR SELL ME A COPY OF IT, IT CERTAINLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH OUR HOBBY WAS QUITE ACTIVE 25 YEARS AGO!

THE EDITOR HAD A PLEASANT TRIP BACK TO BOSTON FROM TACOMA, AND ADDED A FEW GOOD TOKENS TO THE COLLECTION AS A RESULT. THE MOST INTERESTING INFORMATION GATHERED ON THE TRIP APPEARS IN AN ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE ABOUT FORT BENTON. HIGHLIGHT OF MY TRIP WAS GOING ACROSS THE NEW MACKINAC BRIDGE IN MICHIGAN. THE TOLL WAS \$3.25! (No, NO TOKENS USED YET.)

MEANWHILE OUR FRIEND HAROLD FORD CONTINUES TO RAID THE EUROPEAN COIN DEALERS FOR TOKENS. HE'S BUILDING UP QUITE A NICE FOREIGN COLLECTION, AS WELL AS ADDING A SURPRISING NUMBER OF GOOD U.S. ITEMS.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONFIDENCE IN HAVING ME ELECTED AS THEIR SECRETARY. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS JOB. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT I HAVE COLLECTED SEVERAL WOODEN NICKELS FROM DOWNINGTOWN, PA., ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY, WHICH IS NOW BEING CELEBRATED. ANY COLLECTOR WHO WISHES ONE OF THESE NICKELS FREE OF CHARGE MAY HAVE ONE BY SENDING ME A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. = DANIEL DiMICHAEL - BOX 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

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## THE FORT BENTON RESTRIKES

BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.

ON MY WAY BACK TO BOSTON FROM TACOMA, I PULLED INTO FORT BENTON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 24 AND STAYED OVERNIGHT IN THE HISTORIC GRAND UNION HOTEL. FORT BENTON WAS THE EARLIEST SETTLEMENT IN MONTANA, AND IS A TOWN RICH IN WESTERN HISTORY. IT IS SITUATED ON THE MISSOURI RIVER, ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM WHERE THAT RIVER BEGINS, AND IS OFF THE BEATEN TRACK FOR MOST TRAVELERS. THE MORNING OF THE 25TH I VISITED THE EDITOR OF THE LOCAL PAPER TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE BAKER STREET FERRY TOKENS, WHICH ARE AMONG THE GREAT CLASSIC RARITIES OF TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTING (ONLY 2 SETS WERE KNOWN TO EXIST: ONE IN MR. SCHWARTZ' COLLECTION AND ONE IN THE A.N.S. MUSEUM). WHEN I MENTIONED THE TOKENS I WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR "WHY THEY'RE SELLING THOSE THINGS DOWN AT THE MUSEUM." FURTHER QUESTIONING ELICITED THE INFORMATION THAT THE EDITOR HAD LOCATED THE GRANDSON OF MR. LYNCH, THE ORIGINAL OWNER OF THE FERRY BACK IN THE 1880'S, AND FROM THIS GRANDSON HAD BORROWED THE ORIGINAL DIES USED IN STRIKING THE TOKENS. THE EDITOR THEN SENT THE DIES FOR THE "50" TOKEN TO OMAHA, WHERE A DIE STAMPING FIRM STRUCK OFF 1,000 BRASS TOKENS, USING THOSE ORIGINAL DIES. FORTUNATELY FOR US, THE RESTRIKES WERE MADE ON SMALLER PLANCHETS THAN THE ORIGINALS. THE ORIGINAL "50" TOKEN IS 29MM; THE RESTRIKE IS 25MM, AND A BIT THINNER THAN THE ORIGINAL. OTHER THAN THAT, THE RESTRIKE IS IDENTICAL WITH THE ORIGINAL. THE MUSEUM IN FORT BENTON ALSO HAS A SET OF THE ORIGINAL TOKENS, OBTAINED FROM THE GRANDSON OF MR. LYNCH, THIS BEING THE ONLY SET HE OWNED. THE MUSEUM IS SELLING THE RESTRIKES AT 25¢ EACH, AND I BOUGHT \$5 WORTH OF THEM. I SHALL BE HAPPY TO SELL ONE TO ANY COLLECTOR DESIRING IT, FOR 35¢ PLUS A 4¢ STAMP. THIS IS PROBABLY AS CLOSE AS MOST OF YOU WILL EVER COME TO OWNING THE FAMOUS "TWO INDIANS IN CANOE" TOKEN. ALTHOUGH STRUCK FROM THE ORIGINAL DIES, THIS TOKEN IS STRICTLY A RESTRIKE, AND WAS NOT, OF COURSE, EVER USED FOR FARE. HOWEVER, MR. ATWOOD AND MR. FREIBERG THINK THE RESTRIKE IS OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE TO WARRANT A SPECIAL LISTING AT THE END OF THE MONTANA LISTINGS, UNDER "RESTRIKES" AS MONTANA 999 A. NO RESTRIKES WERE MADE OF THE "25" TOKEN. AS TO THE ORIGINALS, I HAD AN ARTICLE PRINTED ABOUT MY DESIRE FOR THEM IN THE LOCAL PAPER, BUT IN SPITE OF A GENEROUS CASH OFFER THERE HAVE SO FAR BEEN NO FAVORABLE RESULTS. THREE SETS ARE ALL THAT ARE KNOWN.

= TOLL ROADS =  
[FROM THE HARTFORD TIMES OF 2/20/59]

EVER SINCE TOLL ROADS VEINED THE WILDERNESSES OF COLONIAL AMERICA THE SYSTEM HAS HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS. AT PRESENT TOLL ROADS ARE GOING THRU A GOLDEN ERA. AMERICAN CARS SPEED TO AND FRO ON MORE THAN 3,000 MILES OF TURNPIKE, COMPARED TO LESS THAN 300 MILES A DECADE AGO. A MOTORIST CAN DRIVE FROM THE EAST TO CHICAGO WITHOUT HALTING FOR A STOP SIGNAL OR CROSS-ROAD. SOME ROAD PLANNERS BELIEVE THE TOLL ROAD BOOM IS DOOMED, HOWEVER, BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM.

AFTER THE ROAD-BUILDING ROMAN EMPIRE FELL IN 476 A.D., ROADS BECAME A PRESSING PROBLEM IN WESTERN EUROPE. NO MAJOR ROADS OR BRIDGES WERE BUILT FOR 500 YEARS. OLD THOROUGHFARES BECAME QUAGMIRES IN WINTER AND DUST BOWLS IN SUMMER. NO ONE TRAVELED FOR PLEASURE. IN ENGLAND INHABITANTS OF EVERY PARISH WERE SUPPOSED TO KEEP UP THEIR ROADS, BUT IT WAS A VERY REAL PROBLEM FOR THEM TO MUSTER UNPAID LABOR AND MATERIALS. HENCE THE ROADS WENT FROM BAD TO HORRIBLE. SOON AFTER THE RESTORATION (1660) THIS GRIEVANCE ATTRACTED THE NOTICE OF PARLIAMENT AND AN ACT, THE FIRST OF MANY TURNPIKE ACTS, WAS PASSED, IMPOSING A SMALL TOLL ON TRAVELERS AND GOODS FOR THE PURPOSE OF KEEPING SOME PARTS OF THIS IMPORTANT LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS IN GOOD REPAIR. TOLL ROADS SPREAD LIKE WEBS IN ENGLAND IN THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES. THEY WERE NOT WHOLLY POPULAR. PEOPLE HAD GOT USED TO THE NOTION OF THE KING'S HIGHWAY, I.E. PERPETUAL RIGHT OF PASSAGE OVER ANOTHER'S LAND. RIOTERS PULLED DOWN TOLLHOUSES AND GATES. AMERICA HAD ROAD TROUBLES TOO. VIRGINIA PASSED THE FIRST ROAD ACT IN 1632, PROVIDING THAT HIGHWAYS "SHALL BE LAYD OUT" IN CONVENIENT PLACES. ROUGH ROAD SYSTEMS DEVELOPED SLOWLY. 150 YEARS LATE PENNSYLVANIA GRANTED THE PHILADELPHIA & LANCASTER TURNPIKE CO. PERMISSION IN 1792 TO BUILD A ROAD BETWEEN THE 2 CITIES. THE 62-MILE-LONG TURNPIKE WAS THE FIRST GOOD ROAD OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. IT LAY 23 FEET WIDE AND WAS SURFACED WITH STONE. THE BACKERS EXPECTED TO MAKE MONEY, AND THEY DID. FINE STAGES WITH SILKEN DRAPERIES RACKETED ALONG THE ALL-WEATHER ROAD. IT WAS FLANKED WITH 66 TAVERNS, INNS, AND HOSTELS. THE LANCASTER TURNPIKE'S SUCCESS TRIGGERED A BOOM IN TURNPIKES. PRIVATE COMPANIES SPREAD NETWORKS OF SUCH ROADS IN NEW ENGLAND AND THE EAST. NEW YORK STATE ALONE CHARTERED SOME 500 TURNPIKE AND TOLL BRIDGE COMPANIES. BY 1830 THE U.S. HAD 27,000 MILES OF SURFACED ROADS, MOST OF THEM TURNPIKES STEMMING OUT FROM SIZEABLE TOWNS.

EVEN SO 19TH CENTURY ROADS WERE GENERALLY DREADFUL. THE STATESMAN HARRISON GRAY OTIS, WRITING HIS WIFE, DESCRIBED THE CONDITION OF THE WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ROAD IN 1815: "THE BLADENSBURG RUN, BEFORE WE CAME TO THE BRIDGE, WAS HAPPILY IN NO PLACE ABOVE THE HORSES' BELLIES."

FOR SALE: IA 730 A,B EACH \$2; IA 730 C,D EACH \$1; IA 910 A \$1; KANS 40 B \$1.50; Mo 440 F \$2.50; NEBR 360 A \$1; NEBR 540 O \$5; NEBR 700 D \$5; OHIO 175 X \$2.50; OHIO 995 A \$5; OKLA 610 B \$5. REMITTANCE WITH ORDER. POSTPAID ON ORDERS OF \$10 OR MORE. 50¢ EXTRA ON ORDERS UNDER \$10.

L.A. HENSLEY - 1616 SPENCER ST. - OMAHA 10, NEBR.

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JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

NEW COLLECTORS: SEND FOR MY LIST OF DUPLICATES, WHICH I HAVE FOR SALE. SOME THAT ARE FOR SALE ARE IA 600 A, 850 J; NY 790 B C D; PA 870 A.

DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

FOR SALE FOR CASH: MICH 515 A AND B AT CATALOGUE; ILL 70 D (HAVE ONLY ONE); CALIF 998 A AND C AT \$1 EACH (HAVE 1 OF EACH); Mo 440 R AND S AT \$1 EACH (HAVE 1 OF EACH); PA 645 B AT \$1 (HAVE 5 OF THEM). ALSO HAVE MANY RARE U.S. & FOREIGN TOKENS FOR TRADE ONLY FOR RARE TOKENS I NEED.

J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 309 DONALD J.T. WACKER - P.O. Box 185 - ELIZABETH, N.J.  
AGE 28; INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER. COLLECTING 1 YEAR; 100  
TOKENS. SPONSORED BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.
- 310 GLEN D. ROGERS - ROUTE #1 - STUART, OKLAHOMA  
AGE 45; DRAFTSMAN. COLLECTING 1 YEAR. 100 TOKENS.  
SPONSORED BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 184 SP5 ROBERT A. RIEDER - RA 18425060 - Hq. Co. 7TH USA NCO  
ACADEMY - A.P.O. 108 - NEW YORK, N.Y.



## SEPTEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

INDIANA

TERRE HAUTE 890 (REPORTED BY CHARLES WHITE & W. MERRIFIELD)  
 TERRE HAUTE TRANSIT COMPANY, INC. (BUS)

E B 23 BAR GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS) \$0.20

MONTANA

RESTRIKES 999 (REPORTED BY J.M. COFFEE)

A B 25 SD BAKER STREET FERRY M.L. LYNCH. 50  
 FORT BENTON 1860. (2 INDIANS IN CANOE)

NEW JERSEY

BRIDGETON 95 (REPORTED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ)

BRIDGETON TRANSIT BBT  
 A Bz 16 BALL GOOD FOR ONE FARE BBT (2 SLOTS) .15

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 750 (REPORTED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ)

PHILADELPHIA AND READING NO. 2 [CTSTPD R] 3.50  
 AUo Bz 22 SD CONDUCTOR'S CHECK

U - ADD THE FOLLOWING: /A. COUNTERSTAMPED R ON OBVERSE.  
 /B. NOT COUNTERSTAMPED.

WILKES-BARRE 985 (REPORTED BY MICHAEL SUPER)

WILKES-BARRE TRANSIT CORPORATION (BUS #3)  
 F WM 16 BAR GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS) .25

UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED BY A.A. GIBBONS)

INDEPENDENT TAXI PHONE 4103 10¢  
 65 WM 18 SD GOOD FOR 1 TAXI TRIP

MISCELLANEOUS TOKENS

GROUP 36

GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS #2)  
 A WM 23 BAR GOOD FOR ONE CITY FARE (BUS)

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER 800 (REPORTED BY PAUL FOUTS)

UNION JACK MOTOR CO. LTD. PHONE SEY. 58  
 /OFFICE 330 SEYMOUR ST.  
 C o A 28 SD [BLANK][Sc] 1.00

QUEBEC

THREE RIVERS 950

CIE. DE. TRANSPORT ST. MAURICE TROIS RIVIERES  
 /1 PASSAGE FARE (BEAVER)  
 A WM 17 SD [SAME AS OBVERSE] .15

## PRICES REALIZED AT CALIFORNIA CONVENTION AUCTION

(SEE LIST IN MAY, 1959, FARE BOX)

1	\$0.75	15	\$1.15	28	\$1.00	41	\$0.70
2	.85	16	1.25	29	2.50	42	.75
3	1.20	17	1.00	30	.50	43	1.50
4	.80	18	1.55	31	.60	44	3.05
5	.80	19	1.70	32	.60	45	1.00
6	1.30	20	.60	33	1.00	46	.50
7	1.00	21	.80	34	1.55	47	2.50
8	1.00	22	.35	35	1.00	48	2.00
9	1.25	23	3.15	36	.60	49	2.00
10	.60	24	2.00	37	2.00	50	1.25
11	1.10	25	1.50	38	1.95	51	1.00
12	.75	26	1.50	39	.65	52	1.70
13	1.05	27	1.00	40	.75	53	4.10
14	.45					54	.50

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## NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

THIS MONTH YOU WILL BE SENT THE FOLLOWING 4 NEW ISSUES: IND 890 E (FOR OBTAINING WHICH WE THANK MR. MERRIFIELD); NJ 95 A; PA 985 F; QUEBEC 950 A. THE PA 985 F IS GOOD THRU 2 ZONES OF ANY OF THE BUSES AND ROUTES OF WILKES-BARRE TRANSIT; IT WAS FIRST PLACED IN USE AUGUST 9, 1959.

LAST MONTH YOU WERE SENT 4 CANADIAN TOKENS: QUE 620 V (FOR OBTAINING WHICH WE THANK MR. CASSIDY); AND LANGLEY, B.C. 450 A,C,D. A FEW HAVE WRITTEN ME ABOUT 450 B. B CANNOT BE OBTAINED, AS THOSE IN EXISTENCE ARE WORN BADLY, WHICH WAS THE REASON FOR REORDERING AND GETTING THE C. SO ANYONE HAVING A B IS FORTUNATE, AS THIS MAY TURN OUT TO BE A SCARCE ONE, IN MY OPINION. LANGLEY IS SITUATED IN THE FRASER VALLEY, 30 MILES EAST OF VANCOUVER; HAS A POPULATION OF 20,000. THE COMPANY HAS 2 BUSES, AND THE WEEKLY ROUTE IS ABOUT 700 MILES, CATERING MOSTLY TO SHOPPERS, BRINGING THEM INTO LANGLEY, LEAVING FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS, THEN RETURNING THEM HOME. COMPANY ALSO DOES A LOT OF CHARTER AND SCHOOL BUS WORK.

WELCOME THIS MONTH TO THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE TO C. HIORTH OF SPRINGFIELD, PA.

AGAIN I MUST REMIND A FEW OF YOU WITH DEBIT ACCOUNTS. PLEASE KEEP YOUR BALANCE WITH THE N.I.S. ON THE PLUS SIDE; IF YOU DON'T I CAN'T SEND YOU ANY MORE TOKENS. IF YOU AREN'T RECEIVING TOKENS NOW, PLEASE CHECK WITH ME.

THIS MONTH YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS IN THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE.

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UNITED TRANSIT OF PROVIDENCE HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION TO ABOLISH SCHOOL FARES; STUDENTS MUST NOW PAY FULL ADULT FARE.... 25 YEARS AGO THERE WERE 62,800 STREETCARS OPERATING OVER 40,500 MILES OF TRACK; NOW FEWER THAN 2,000 STREETCARS LEFT.

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THE TERRE HAUTE TOKEN WAS REPORTED BY CHARLES WHITE, AND THEN A FEW DAYS LATER BY WILTON MERRIFIELD. A LETTER TO THE COMPANY DID NOT PROVE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING TOKENS FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE, SO MR. MERRIFIELD WAS ABLE TO GET THEM FOR US. TERRE HAUTE CITY LINES USED TO OPERATE IN THIS CITY, UNTIL LATE 1954, WHEN THE COMPANY WENT ON STRIKE AND LOST ITS FRANCHISE. THEN IN MAY, 1955, TERRE HAUTE TRANSIT CO. TOOK OVER AND I BELIEVE THEY WERE ON A STRAIGHT 15¢ FARE TILL THE FIRST PART OF THIS YEAR, WHEN A 5/90¢ TOKEN RATE WAS ESTABLISHED. USUALLY NEW TOKENS WITH PICTURES OF BUSES HAVE THE TYPE WE CALL BUS TYPE #3, BUT SOMEHOW ON THIS TOKEN AN OLDER STYLE OF BUS IS USED--A STYLE WHICH, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WAS ONLY USED PREVIOUSLY ON THE TOKENS OF MONROE, LA. SO EVEN IF IT LOOKS LIKE AN OLDER TOKEN IT STILL REALLY IS A NEW ISSUE.

THE BRIDGETON, N.J., TOKEN HAS BEEN IN USE SINCE 1953, AND LUCKILY SOMEONE DROPPED ONE IN A STRANGE FARE BOX, AND IT EVENTUALLY CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF MR. SCHWARTZ. SO IT TOOK NEARLY SIX YEARS BEFORE ONE OF THESE TOKENS GOT TO WHERE WE COULD DISCOVER IT. IT IS STILL IN USE; THERE IS NO TOKEN RATE, BUT A CONVENIENCE RATE OF 13¢.

PA 750 AU IS A COMPANION PIECE TO 750 U. HOWEVER, THE AU AND U TOKENS WHICH MR. SCHWARTZ DISCOVERED BOTH ARE COUNTERSTAMPED WITH THE LETTER R ON THE OBERSE. MR. SCHWARTZ SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLY THE R MAY STAND FOR RETURN TRIP. SO 750 U COMES BOTH COUNTERSTAMPED AND NOT COUNTERSTAMPED, AND SO FAR AU HAS ONLY SHOWN UP WITH THE COUNTERSTAMP.

WILKES-BARRE IS ANOTHER COMPANY WHICH HAS RETURNED TO A TOKEN. FOR SOME TIME THIS COMPANY HAS BEEN USING TICKETS, BUT WITH A NEW RATE AND ALSO SOME NEW MONEY METER FARE BOXES, THEY ARE USING TOKENS. THEY HAVE A ZONE FARE SYSTEM AND A BASIC TWO-ZONE FARE. PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD 20¢ FARE WITH A RATE OF 18¢ BY TICKET FOR 2 ZONES. BUT WHEN THEY RAISED THE FARE ON AUGUST 9, 1959, TO 23¢ OR 2/45¢ THEY CAME OUT WITH THIS NEW TOKEN. I IMAGINE THAT AS MORE COMPANIES USE THE MONEY METER FARE BOX, WE'LL SEE A LOT MORE NEW ISSUES. (SEE ALSO COMMENTS IN AUGUST FARE BOX ABOUT VANCOUVER'S NEW FARE BOXES AND TOKEN.)

THAT INDEPENDENT TAXI MAVERICK REPORTED BY MR. GIBBONS CALLS FOR A 10¢ RIDE, SO IT APPARENTLY IS NOT OF RECENT ORIGIN. ALSO THE TYPE OF PHONE NUMBER IS ONE RARELY USED ANYMORE. AS THERE SHOULD BE QUITE A FEW INDEPENDENT TAXI COMPANIES IN THIS COUNTRY, IT IS HARD TO SAY WHERE THIS TOKEN IS FROM, ALTHOUGH ONE OF THESE DAYS SOMEONE MAY DISCOVER ITS ORIGIN.

THE "MISCELLANEOUS TOKEN" SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISTED SOME TIME BACK BUT IT WAS MISLAID. THIS WAS REPORTED BY MR. MERRIFIELD, AND WE CAN SHED NO INFORMATION ON IT AS THIS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT EVER SHOWED UP.

THE LISTING OF THE VANCOUVER TAXI TOKEN WAS GIVEN TO MR. COFFEE IN SEATTLE BY PAUL FOUTS, AND I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT EXCEPT THAT IT IS NO LONGER IN USE. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT ANYMORE OF THESE WILL TURN UP. IT MAY BE THAT THE \$1 PRICE IS TOO LOW.

FINALLY WE COME TO A TOKEN USED IN THAT PART OF CANADA WHERE FRENCH IS THE PREVAILING LANGUAGE. THE ENGLISH TITLE OF THE COMPANY IS ST. MAURICE TRANSPORT COMPANY, THREE RIVERS, QUEBEC. POSSIBLY THE PERIODS SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN LISTED, AS THEY MAY BE SEPARATION MARKS, BUT AS ONE IS BETWEEN ST. AND MAURICE, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO PUT THEM DOWN AS PERIODS. POSSIBLY THIS MAY BE ANOTHER CANADIAN COMPANY WHICH IS USING THE NEW TYPE FARE BOXES. SHERBROOKE IS ANOTHER CANADIAN CITY WHICH GOT THESE FARE BOXES, WITH THE RESULT THAT THEY HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF TOKENS. IT SEEMS THAT ALL THE CANADIAN NEW ISSUES OF THE LAST COUPLE YEARS, ON THE LARGER SIZE, COME A TRIFLE SMALLER THAN OUR 23MM, SO WE LIST THEM AS 22MM. ON THE SMALLER SIZE, THEY COME A TRIFLE LARGER THAN OUR 16MM, SO WE LIST THEM AS 17MM. PERHAPS QUEBEC 150 A AND 850 G SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISTED AS 17MM.

FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON AN INDEX SYSTEM, THAT IS, KEEPING A FILE ON WHEN TOKENS WERE ISSUED AND FARES CHANGED. I HAVE SEVERAL PUBLICATIONS FROM WHICH I GLEANED THIS INFORMATION, BUT NOW AND THEN SOME INFORMATION SLIPS BY ME. FOR EXAMPLE WHEN TERRE HAUTE WENT TO A 5/90¢ FARE I GOT NO INFORMATION ON IT; OTHERWISE I'D HAVE HAD THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WRITE AND CHECK TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY TOKENS. SO ANY TIME ANYBODY SEES NOTICES SUCH AS DULUTH RAISING FARES TO 5 TOKENS FOR \$1.05 FROM 4/90¢; OR ITHACA RY. GOING FROM 20¢, 5/75¢, TO 25¢, 5/\$1, I'D APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE INFORMATION. SOMETIMES THIS INFORMATION IS GIVEN IN NEWSPAPERS. I ESPECIALLY NEED INFORMATION ON CITIES OF 25,000 POPULATION AND UNDER. ALL THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN A FILE AND THEN IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION ABOUT A TOKEN BEING ISSUED FOR A CERTAIN FARE, WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO GO BY. IN THE MEANTIME I HAVE LEFT A LOT OF OTHER THINGS TO SLIP BY FOR A WHILE. I AM ALSO INTENDING TO FINISH BREAKING UP A LARGE COLLECTION I BOUGHT A COUPLE YEARS BACK, SO ANYONE NEEDING A LOT OF COMMON TOKENS, IF YOU WILL LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU NEED, I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP BY FILLING YOUR WANT-LISTS.

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CONNECTICUT COMPANY, OF HARTFORD AND OTHER CITIES IN THAT STATE, IS PLACING WHITE METAL SCHOOL TOKENS IN USE THIS MONTH. IT IS THE FIRST TIME CONNECTICUT COMPANY HAS USED SCHOOL TOKENS, AND THEY ARE SOLD ONLY IN ROLLS OF 24 FOR \$3.00. THE COMPANY IS SWITCHING FROM TICKETS TO TOKENS BECAUSE TICKETS WERE TOO DIFFICULT TO COUNT, AND WERE EASILY LOST. THE NEW TOKENS WILL BE OBTAINED FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE BY COLLECTORS LIVING IN THE VICINITY.

# THE FARE BOX

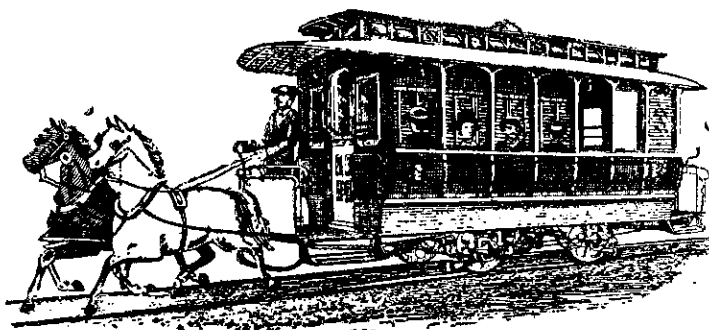
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AGAIN, AS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST, THE EDITOR HEREBY REQUESTS HIS READERS TO SEND IN ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION. WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF THINGS TO PUBLISH! WE DO HAVE SEVERAL ARTICLES, BUT MOST OF THEM ARE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ABOUT STREET-CAR SYSTEMS, AND WHICH ARE NOT REALLY THE BEST MATERIAL FOR A TOKEN NEWS-LETTER. I PREFER TO USE THEM ONLY AS A LAST RESORT. WHAT ARE NEEDED ARE ARTICLES STRESSING TOKENS: THEIR USE AND PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF OLD COMPANIES; HOW YOU FOUND YOUR RARE TOKENS; ITEMS IN THE HISTORY OF TOKEN-USING FIRMS WHICH ARE UNUSUAL. ARTICLES WRITTEN BY A COLLECTOR TELLING HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN LOCATING TOKENS ARE THE BEST MATERIAL; THEY ALWAYS ARE COMMENTED ON FAVORABLY BY READERS. AND SO, UNLESS MORE ARTICLES ARRIVE, I'M AFRAID READERS WILL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THE EDITOR'S OWN PERSONAL RAMBLINGS. AND ALTHOUGH I HAVE NEVER BEEN KNOWN FOR RETICENCE IN DESCRIBING MY OWN EXPERIENCES, THIS CAN GET TIRING AFTER A WHILE, AND EVEN I AM GOING TO RUN OUT OF THINGS TO SAY EVENTUALLY. SO HOW ABOUT SOME ARTICLES? PLEASE.

OUR FRIEND CLIFFORD MISHLER, ONE OF OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS, RECENTLY PUBLISHED AN EXCELLENT PRINTED CATALOGUE OF COMMEMORATIVE TOKENS AND MEDALS, WHICH INCLUDES OUR A.V.A. MEDAL AND TOKENS. THE A.V.A. NOW INCLUDES SOME OF THE MOST PROMINENT NUMISMATISTS IN THE COUNTRY, AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THAT FIELD GIVE US JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE. NOW, IF OUR OWN MEMBERS WOULD MAKE A FEW MORE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FARE BOX...



## A.V.A. ANNIVERSARY MEDALS

SVSN THOUGH MY TYPSWRITER IS AN OLD MODSL, IT WORKS QUITS WLL SXCSPT FOR ONS OF THE KSYS. I HAVS WISHED MANY TIMSS THAT IT WORKSD PSRFECTLY. IT IS TRUS THAT THRSRS ARS FORTY-SIX KSYS THAT FUNCTION WLL SNOUGH, BUT JUST ONS KSY NOT WORKING MAKSS THS DIFFRSNCS. SOMSTIMSS IT SSSMS TO MS THAT OUR ASSOCIATION IS SOMSWHAT LIKS MY TYPSWRITER--NOT ALL THS KSY PSOPLS ARS WORKING PROPSRLY. YOU MAY SAY TO YOURSSLF, "WLL, I AM ONLY ONS PSRSON. I WON'T MAKs OR BRSAK THS ASSOCIATION." BUT IT DOSS MAKs A DIFFRSNCS BSCAUSS AN ASSOCIATION TO BS SFFSCTIVS NSSDS THS ACTIVS PARTICIPATION OF SVSRY MSMBR. SO THS NSXT TMS YOU THINK YOU ARS ONLY ONS PSRSON AND THAT YOUR SFFORTS ARS NOT NSSDSD, RSMSMBR MY TYPSWRITER AND SAY TO YOURSSLF, "I AM A KSY PSRSON IN MY ASSOCIATION, AND I AM NSSDSD VSRY MUCH." WHY NOT ORDSR YOUR 10TH ANNIVRSARY HORSSCAR MSDAL TODAY?  
= F.G. SMITH - 14 MILLSR STILS ROAD - QUINCY 69, MASS.

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## VECTURISTS ANONYMOUS OF NEW ENGLAND

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT A NEW ENGLAND TOKEN CLUB BE FORMED WITH A LOCAL MEETING PLACE TO GET TOGETHER AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION AND INTERCHANGE OF VECTURES. A CLUB OF THIS KIND NEEDS LEADERS SELECTED FROM AND ELECTED BY CHARTER MEMBERS, AND CAN ONLY BE A SUCCESS WITH THE COOPERATION OF THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED (FOR THE PURPOSE OF A CARD FILE) WON'T YOU JUST DROP A POSTCARD OF YOUR INTENTION? THANK YOU. = F.G. SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE ROAD - QUINCY 69, MASSACHUSETTS.

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VECTURES FOR YOU. WITHIN A FEW DAYS I SHALL BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY 900 OR MORE VECTURES FOR SALE. FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS AS A NEW MEMBER I RECEIVED MANY VECTURES FOR MY PERSONAL COLLECTION. I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR MEMBER COOPERATION AND AM HAPPY TO BE IN A POSITION NOW PERHAPS TO HELP THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN LESS FORTUNATE. DO I HAVE YOUR WANT-LIST?  
= F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE ROAD - QUINCY 69, MASS.

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HINTS FOR COLLECTORS: WHEN YOU SEE A TOKEN LISTED IN AN AD WHICH YOU WANT, SEND FOR IT RIGHT AWAY, BY AIRMAIL. THE DEMAND FOR ADVERTISED TOKENS IS NEARLY ALWAYS GREATER THAN THE SUPPLY. WISE COLLECTORS ALWAYS TURN TO THE ADS FIRST, AND ARE READY TO GET THEIR LETTER IN THE MAIL THE SAME DAY THEY GET THEIR COPIES OF THE FARE BOX. AND REMEMBER, EVERY A.V.A. MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO A FREE 6-LINE AD IN EVERY ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS. IT HELPS YOUR COLLECTION, AND LOTS OF ADS MAKE THE ISSUES MORE INTERESTING. OUR AD PAGE IS THE MARKET PLACE OF TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTING.

OF BRIDGES, TOKENS, AND LOTS OF LUCK  
BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.

OFTEN, RIGHT AFTER I HAVE MADE A FORTUNATE FIND OF RARE TOKENS, I RECEIVE LETTERS FROM OTHER COLLECTORS WITH SUCH COMMENTS AS "YOU HAVE ALL THE LUCK; I NEVER SEEM TO RECEIVE ANY GOOD TOKENS IN THE MAIL," OR "YOU ARE LUCKY TO LIVE IN THE EAST; OUT HERE I AM NOT CLOSE TO ANY GOOD SOURCES OF TOKENS." NOW, AS A MATTER OF FACT, DIGGING UP RARE TOKENS HAS NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH WHERE YOU LIVE. REMEMBER YOUR MAIL BOX IS AROUND THE CORNER. MOST OF MY BEST TOKEN FINDS HAVE COME AS A RESULT OF LETTER-WRITING, AND THIS IS TRUE OF MOST ACTIVE COLLECTORS. WHEN YOU WRITE LETTERS, YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY ENLISTING THE AID OF OTHERS, AND I HAVE FOUND MOST AMERICANS ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO HELP YOU LOOK FOR OLD TOKENS.

A CASE IN POINT WAS MY DISCOVERY, LATE IN 1950, OF SEVERAL OLD NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE TOKENS. INTRIGUED BY THE LISTING IN THE THEN-CURRENT 1948 CHECK LIST OF THE WATERFORD, N.Y., "UNION B. CO." TOKENS, I WROTE A LETTER TO THE POSTMASTER OF THAT CITY, ASKING ABOUT THE OLD UNION BRIDGE. HE TURNED MY LETTER PROMPTLY OVER TO A COL. SIDNEY HAMMERSLEY, WHO WAS THE "CITY HISTORIAN." COL. HAMMERSLEY IMMEDIATELY REPLIED AND SENT ME AN EXCELLENT HISTORY OF THE BRIDGE BY HIS FRIEND, RICHARD ALLEN, WHICH I PUBLISHED IN THE DECEMBER, 1949, FARE BOX. NO TOKENS, BUT HE SAID HE WOULD LOOK FOR THEM FOR ME. ABOUT 9 MONTHS LATER CAME A REGISTERED LETTER FROM THE COLONEL WITH 4 TOKENS (NY 140 C, 890 A, 935 B AND D). THESE HE GAVE ME WITH HIS COMPLIMENTS, AND SAID HE KNEW WHERE THERE WERE 5 MORE. HE EXPLAINED THAT A WHOLE BAG OF THESE BRIDGE TOKENS HAD BEEN BURIED IN THE CEMENT OF A BUILDING IN WATERFORD, BUT THAT AN EMPLOYEE HAD SECRETLY SAVED 5 OF THEM OUT, AND GAVE THEM TO HIS CHILD TO PLAY WITH. I WROTE BACK, TELLING HIM TO OFFER THE MAN \$1 APIECE. TWO MONTHS LATER CAME ANOTHER REGISTERED LETTER WITH THE 5 TOKENS (NY 140 A, B, C, AND 935 B, C) 3 OF WHICH WERE NEW DISCOVERIES, HITHERTO UNKNOWN. COL. HAMMERSLEY EXPLAINED "MY MILITARY DIGNITY WAS SOMEWHAT SHAKEN IN THE EPISODE OF GETTING THEM." ONLY BY USING HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM WAS HE ABLE TO PERSUADE THE EMPLOYEE TO PART WITH THEM.

THUS ONE CASUAL LETTER TO A POSTMASTER LOCATED SOME OF OUR GREATEST RARITIES, EVENTUALLY. NOT ALL LETTERS, OF COURSE, PRODUCE SUCH RESULTS. ONE SUCCESS FOR 25 FAILURES IS A GOOD AVERAGE, BUT IT'S WORTH IT. I VISITED COL. HAMMERSLEY PERSONALLY IN 1957 IN WATERFORD, AND TRIED TO ARRANGE FOR HAVING THE CEMENT OF THAT BUILDING DUG UP FOR THE REST OF THE TOKENS, BUT THE OWNER WOULD HAVE NONE OF IT, AND THE COST WOULD HAVE BEEN PROHIBITIVE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE TOKENS WERE PROBABLY RUINED BY THE CEMENT. COL. HAMMERSLEY HAS PUBLISHED HIS HISTORY OF WATERFORD SINCE, AND THE BOOK MENTIONS THE TOKENS. MR. ALLEN, WHO AUTHORED OUR FIRST ARTICLE ON THE BRIDGE, RECENTLY PUBLISHED A LARGE BOOK ON COVERED BRIDGES.

FOR SALE: 3 RIVERS, QUE., CANADA 950 A AT 20¢. MONTREAL, QUE.  
620 U-V AT 30¢ EACH. WANTED TO BUY: ALL PARKING METER TOKENS  
OR WILL TRADE TOKENS OF MY CHOICE FOR THEM. FOR TRADE AT  
\$3.50 VALUE: KY 510 BS.

JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED: 10 RI 520 H,  
2 RI 700 E, 3 MASS 135 A. STAMPED ENVELOPE PLEASE.

R.K. ATKINS - Box #296 - GLENVILLE, CONN.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: ALA 560 F, 680 A; ARIZ 640 B; ARK 480  
P; CAL 450 G, 474 E F H I, 715 I, 745 I J K L M, 760 F, 825 D  
F, 835 A C, 945 A C, 970 A; COLO 60 A, 120 A, 140 B D E F, 300  
B, 620 A, 760 B J K N. PLUS 15c POSTAGE. REMITTANCE WITH ORD.  
C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE ST. - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

CALIFORNIA EXCHANGE HAS THE FOLLOWING AT CATALOGUE: FLA 380 A  
K M P Q R; GA 60 J K L R S, 70 E; ILL 40 A, 530 E, 665 A; IND  
520 D P I A 310 K N, 730 B C D, 850 V; KANS 970 G; MASS 760 A B  
C; NEBR 540 Q, 700 L O; NY 70 A, 305 A, 505 A, 715 A, 770 C;  
NC 880 A; OHIO 440 G H; TEX 640 A C, 805 D; WISC 30 A B, 920  
B, 700 C F, 790 G. ALSO A FEW OBSOLETE NC 880 B AT \$1 EACH.  
PLUS 15c POSTAGE & INSURANCE ON ALL ORDERS. CHECK OR M.O.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CAL.

NEW COLLECTORS: YOU MAY HAVE A LIST OF MY DUPLICATES JUST FOR  
THE ASKING. SOME TOKENS LISTED FOR SALE ARE: PA 870 A, PORTO  
RICO 640 A B C D, ALL AT CAT. PRICE. SOME 15¢ TOKENS I NEED:  
ALA 560 U; CAL 300 J; IND 460 S, 930 G; NY 230 H, 875 Q, 955 B.  
DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: CAL 760 F; GA 60 S; IND 270 A; MINN 190  
B C, 300 A; NH 240 A; NJ 115 C G, 885 A B; NY 630 AB AM, 890  
E; RI 700 E; WVA 850 A.

A.A. GIBBONS - 300 LENOX ROAD - BROOKLYN 26, N.Y.

FOR SALE: MICH 515 A AND B AT CAT. TIMETABLE #A, N.Y. & ALBANY  
PEOPLES LINE AT \$1; TIMETABLE #B, N.Y.C.R.R. Ex. TRAINS, AT  
\$1.50 (SEE LIST IN JAN. 59 FARE BOX). ALSO HAVE 3 CIVIL WAR  
TOKENS "HUSSEY'S SPECIAL MESSAGE POST" WITH OLD-TIME LOCOMOTIVE  
ON ONE SIDE & MAN ON HORSEBACK ON OTHER SIDE, DATED 1863...IN  
EX. FINE CONDITION, FOR SALE AT \$2.50 EACH. AND 3 OTHER HUSSEY  
TOKENS WITHOUT THE LOCOMOTIVE AT \$1. PLUS 4¢ POSTAGE PLEASE.

J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

311 ROBERTO PESANT - CALLE 28, No. 505 MIRAMAR - HAVANA, CUBA.  
AGE 38; ARCHITECT. COLLECTING 12 YEARS (CUBA ONLY).

PROPOSED BY WILLIAM E. EISENBERG

312 DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORRMAN ROAD - EAST HAVEN 12, CONN.  
AGE 25; TRANSMISSION MAN. COLLECTING 6 MO. 250 TOKENS.

PROPOSED BY PAT MAFFEO.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

102 FRANK W. GUERNSEY - 3725 N.E. 17TH AVE. - PORTLAND 12, ORE.  
225 CHARLES H. RUNYON - 428 GLADSTONE AVE. - AURORA, ILLINOIS



## OCTOBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

CALIFORNIA

BAKERSFIELD 50 (REPORTED BY ROLAND C. ATWOOD)

BAKERSFIELD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

C WM 16 B

GOOD FOR ONE ZONE FARE

\$0.15

SACRAMENTO 715 (REPORTED BY JOHN G. NICOLOSI)

T o Bz 23 G-SC [SAME AS 715 R BUT SILVER-PLATED]

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UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED BY LEE SANDERS)

NELSON DAMRILL TRANSIT CO.

66 A 20 Cs-SC GOOD FOR ONE ADULT FARE

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## NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

FIRST WE HAVE A NEW TOKEN FROM BAKERSFIELD. A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK THIS CITY VOTED FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP AND LEASED EQUIPMENT FROM THE FORMER OPERATORS. THE FARE WAS 15¢. THIS TOKEN WENT INTO USE DECEMBER 3, 1958, SELLING AT 15¢ EACH. HOWEVER, ON MAY 10, 1959, THE RATE WAS LOWERED TO 7 FOR \$1.00.

NEXT A SILVER-PLATED TOKEN FROM SACRAMENTO. THIS WAS DISCOVERED WHEN MR. ATWOOD, MR. NICOLOSI, AND I, WERE IN SACRAMENTO TO SEE THE STATE FAIR. WHILE THERE WE INQUIRED OF A BUS DRIVER IF THERE WERE ANYTHING NEW IN TOKENS. GIBSON LINES HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF THE COMPANY TO SUBURBAN TRANSIT LINES, AND FROM JANUARY 1 TO AUGUST 31, 1959, THEY HAD A 20¢ FARE OR 2 FOR 35¢ TOKENS, AND SILVER-PLATED THE BRONZE ONES. THE FARE ON SEPTEMBER 1 WENT TO 25¢ WITH NO TOKENS, SO THIS TOKEN IS ALREADY OBSOLETE. THIS IS A CASE WHERE, HAD WE NOT ASKED THE BUS DRIVER, THE CHANGE OF RATES AND THE NEW SV-PLATED TOKEN MIGHT HAVE GONE UNNOTICED. SOMETIMES IT GETS MONOTONOUS ASKING ABOUT TOKENS, BUT WHEN YOU FINALLY FIND SOMETHING IT REPAYS FOR ALL THE "NO" ANSWERS.

NEXT WE HAVE A MAVERICK REPORTED BY MR. SANDERS. HE ALREADY HAD THIS TOKEN BEFORE BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE A.V.A., HAVING PICKED IT UP WITH SOME OTHER COINS. IT COULD BE OF RECENT ORIGIN, AND MIGHT EVEN STILL BE IN USE SOMEWHERE. I DO NOT KNOW IF NELSON DAMRILL COULD BE THE NAME OF A PERSON OPERATING THE LINE, OR THE NAME OF A TOWN. PERHAPS THE NAME WILL RING A BELL WITH SOME OF OUR OTHER COLLECTORS.

WITH REGARD TO THE NEW SUPREME TAXI TOKEN WITH THE LETTER "Y" ON IT, I HAVE NOT SEEN IT AS YET. NEXT MONTH WE'LL HAVE A COUPLE OF TOKENS FROM CHICOUTIMI, CANADA. WE KNEW ABOUT THEM, BUT HAVE NOT YET SEEN THEM.

## NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

TWO TOKENS FROM CALIFORNIA TO BE MAILED TO YOU THIS MONTH, ONE FROM BAKERSFIELD AND ONE FROM SACRAMENTO. THE BAKERSFIELD TOKEN WAS FIRST USED DEC. 3, 1958, AT 15¢ EACH. THEY WENT TO 7/\$1 ON MAY 10, 1959. IF I RECEIVE THEM IN TIME I SHALL ALSO SEND YOU ON MY CANADIAN LIST TWO TOKENS FROM CHICOUTIMI, QUEBEC, FIRST USED AUGUST 29, 1959. SEVERAL OTHER TOKENS PENDING. WHEN I FIND OUT MORE I'LL LET YOU KNOW AND SEND, PROBABLY IN NOVEMBER. MORE ON THE CHICOUTIMI TOKENS NEXT MONTH; NO NUMBERS ASSIGNED AS YET.

PORTLAND, OREGON, FIRST CABLE CAR WAS PUT INTO ACTION ON FEBRUARY 22, 1890. THE ROUTE FOLLOWED WAS FROM PORTLAND HTS. VIA CHAPMAN, JEFFERSON, AND FIFTH, TO THE UNION DEPOT.

- JOHN G. NICOLosi

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## FERRY PASSES FROM AUSTRALIA

IN MY POSITION AS FOREIGN EDITOR AND CATALOGUE MAKER I WAS OFFERED AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE WHAT REMAINS OF SEVERAL 3 AND 6 MONTH FERRY PASS ISSUES, ISSUED IN 1956, 57, AND 58. I DO NOT WANT TO ACQUIRE THEM MYSELF AS I MIGHT BE ACCUSED OF USING MY OFFICE FOR PERSONAL GAIN. THEREFORE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO SETS, ONE FOR MYSELF AND ONE FOR THE OTHER PARTY, ALL REMAINING METAL PASSES WOULD GO TO THE PARTY BUYING THEM AT 50¢ APIECE. ON THE 6 AND 3 MONTH ISSUES THERE ARE ADULT PASSES, CHILD'S PASSES, AND APPRENTICE'S PASSES. ON THE ADULT PASSES THE QUANTITY WOULD BE FROM 1 TO 158 AT MAXIMUM; ON CHILD'S PASSES FROM 1 TO 18 AT MAXIMUM; ON APPRENTICE'S PASSES FROM 1 TO 18. AS YOU SEE THE QUANTITIES MADE WERE SMALL. THE PASSES WILL CATALOGUE \$1 FOR THE ADULTS AND, BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED QUANTITY OF 20 EACH, \$2.50 EACH FOR THE CHILD'S AND APPRENTICE'S. THESE SETS ARE AUSTRALIAN. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PASSES INVOLVED AT 50¢ A PASS. IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY \$1,000 TO HANDLE THIS DEAL, IF THERE ARE ANY INTERESTED PARTIES. REMEMBER YOU GET ALL PASSES BUT TWO SETS. = K.E. SMITH - 328 AVE. F - REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

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BALZER BROS. MOTOR COACH CO. OF BAY CITY, MICH., WHICH BEGAN IN 1921, WENT OUT OF BUSINESS IN 1958, LEAVING BAY CITY WITHOUT TRANSIT. SHOPPERS COMPLAINED, MERCHANTS WRUNG THEIR HANDS IN ANGUISH. SO THE CITY FATHERS GAVE A CHARTER TO BAY CITY COMMUTER SERVICE TO OPERATE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION. THIS FIRM USES LITTLE IMPORTED GERMAN AND ENGLISH STATION WAGONS WHICH GET 30 MILES TO THE GALLON. WITH THIS SMALL OVERHEAD, THE NEW FIRM IS MAKING MONEY. "NOBODY IS GOING TO GET RICH," THE OWNER SAID, "BUT ON THE OTHER HAND NOBODY IS GETTING POOR."

# THE FARE BOX

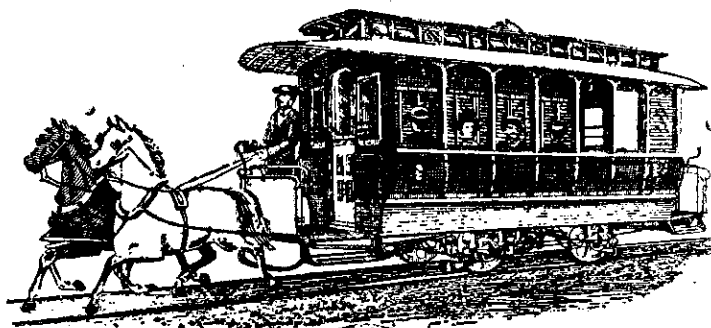
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR HAROLD FORD HAS RETURNED FROM EUROPE, AND IS STOPPING WITH YOUR EDITOR FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE HEADING WEST ACROSS THE COUNTRY. HAROLD BROUGHT BACK SEVERAL VERY OLD UNLISTED EUROPEAN TOKENS WHICH HE WAS ABLE TO PICK UP FROM COIN DEALERS OVER THERE, AS WELL AS MANY OF THE RARE LISTED VARIETIES.

THE CHECK LIST OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TOKENS, NOW BEING RUN SERIALY WITH THE FARE BOX, LISTS MANY OF THE PASSES ACCORDING TO SHAPE. INASMUCH AS THESE SHAPES ARE MANY AND VARIED, WE PLAN TO PREPARE SEVERAL SHEETS OF SHAPE-TYPES, WHICH WILL BE MAILED TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS. WE REGRET THAT SO FAR WE HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRODUCE THEM.

DANIEL DiMICHAEL, OUR SECRETARY, HAS ASKED ME TO REMIND MEMBERS THAT THE TIME TO PAY YOUR 1960 DUES IS APPROACHING. WHY NOT SEND IN YOUR \$3.00 DUES NOW AND GET IT OVER WITH? HIS ADDRESS IS: P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

SOME TIME AGO THE FARE BOX PRINTED SHORT HALF-PAGE AUTOBIOGRAPHIES OF COLLECTORS. MANY HAVE WRITTEN US THAT WE SHOULD RENEW THIS PRACTISE. SO IF ANY COLLECTOR WOULD SEND US A FEW WORDS ABOUT HIMSELF, HOW HE GOT INTERESTED IN COLLECTING, WHAT ARE HIS FAVORITE TOKENS, ETC., WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT, AND WE DEFINITELY WILL PRINT IT.



## THE PATTERN THAT WAS NOT A PATTERN

BY KENNETH SMITH

SEVERAL YEARS AGO I FOUND A TOKEN LIKE NC 880 A BUT READING "FARE" INSTEAD OF "RIDE" ON THE REVERSE. AS ONLY ONE SHOWED UP THEN, IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WAS A PATTERN. WHEN THE 1958 CATALOGUE DID NOT LIST IT AS A PATTERN OR REGULAR ISSUE, I DECIDED TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT. AFTER CONSIDERABLE CORRESPONDENCE AND SOME MONEY, IN THE LAST 19 MONTHS I ACQUIRED WHAT HAD NOT BEEN DESTROYED OF NC 880'S, WHICH WASN'T MUCH. AMONG THEM THERE WAS A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF 880 B, THE "FARE" ITEM. I GATHERED THAT ONLY 1,000 OF 880 A WERE STRUCK, THEN BECAUSE THEY RAN LOW ANOTHER 1,000 OF 880 B WERE STRUCK, BUT JUST AFTER PLACING "B" IN USE THEY QUIT USING TOKENS, AND AFTER A WHILE DESTROYED MOST OF THEM. NC 880 B IS FOR SALE AT \$1 EACH WHILE THE SUPPLY LASTS. GOT TO GET MY MONEY OUT.

ANOTHER TOWN THAT APPARENTLY USED SMALL QUANTITIES OF TOKENS WAS ROCKINGHAM SUBURBAN LINES OF N.C. THEY APPARENTLY RECEIVED 1,000 TOKENS OF 690 A & B MIXTURE WITH PROBABLY 300 BEING 690 A, AND LATER ORDERED MORE 690 B AND RECEIVED ANOTHER 1,000, BUT WITH DIFFERENT DIES OBVERSE & REVERSE. I OBTAINED WHAT APPARENTLY WERE ALL THE 690 A LEFT (44 OF THEM) AND WHAT WERE LEFT OF THE BRASS 690 B, BOTH VARIETIES. HAVE THEM FOR SALE AT 15¢ EACH. NC 690 C D E PROBABLY WERE MADE ONLY IN A QUANTITY OF 500 EACH, AND I OBTAINED A FEW OF THEM AT 50¢ EA. POSTAGE & INSURANCE 15¢ EXTRA ON ABOVE.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CAL.

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## NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

ONE TOKEN FOR YOU THIS MONTH: MASS 740 A, ANOTHER SUPREME TAXI TOKEN FROM SOUTH WEYMOUTH. THANKS TO MR. F.G. SMITH FOR OBTAINING THIS ONE FOR US. (SORRY FOR THE SCRATCHES & EDGE NICKS BUT THAT'S THE WAY WE GOT THEM.) LAST MONTH I SENT OUT THE 2 CHICOUTIMI TOKENS. ON 8/29/59 A NEW FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM WENT INTO USE ON BUSES IN CHICOUTIMI. TICKETS FORMERLY USED ARE OBSOLETE BUT STILL REDEEMED FOR NEW TOKENS AT SAME PRICE. THE NEW REGISTER IS BELL-EQUIPPED & RINGS WHEN A TOKEN OR COIN IS DEPOSITED, AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR PASSENGERS TO DEPOSIT ANYTHING BUT COINS OR TOKENS. THIS SYSTEM COSTS THE CO. \$1,000 PER BUS. THE 6,000,000 TICKETS THE CO. USED YEARLY COST \$9,000, AND NOW FOR THE SAME AMOUNT ONLY 70,000 TOKENS (ADULT) WILL BE REQUIRED. FARES REMAIN THE SAME AS BEFORE: 15¢ OR 10 TOKENS FOR \$1; CHILDREN (5/11 YRS.) 10¢ OR 5/25¢. THERE ARE NOW 3 CITIES IN QUEBEC USING THIS NEW FARE SYSTEM: SHERBROOKE, DRUMMONDVILLE, AND CHICOUTIMI...BUT THE SYSTEM IS EXTENSIVELY USED IN THE UNITED STATES.

## FROM COAST TO COAST

BY HAROLD FORD

LAST JANUARY I DECIDED TO VISIT EUROPE, TRAVELLING VIA ICELANDIC AIRLINES FROM NEW YORK. THIS, OF COURSE, NECESSITATED THAT I TRAVEL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FROM BERKELEY TO NEW YORK, AND EN ROUTE I DETERMINED TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO LOCATE SOME TOKENS I NEEDED FOR MY COLLECTION.

JOHN COFFEE ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO JUNE 26, HEADING FOR TACOMA, AND HE AND I, TOGETHER WITH RALPH FREIBERG AND JOHN NICOLASI, DISCUSSED TOKENS FOR THREE DAYS AT RALPH'S PLACE. JUNE 29 JOHN AND I HEADED NORTH AND VISITED RELATIVES IN MEDFORD, ORE., WHERE JOHN WAS MY GUEST. FROM MEDFORD I DROVE OVER TO KLAMATH FALLS, WHERE I SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WITH MELVIN O. CARMICHAEL. THENCE TO LAKEVIEW, ORE., A LITTLE TOWN IN THE DESERT. THERE HAD BEEN RUMORS THAT THIS WAS THE ORIGIN OF UNIDENTIFIED TOKEN #42. HOWEVER THIS TURNED OUT TO BE FALSE, AND IT'S PRETTY CERTAIN THAT LAKEVIEW NEVER USED TOKENS.

FROM LAKEVIEW I HEADED EAST THROUGH RAWLINS AND CASPER, WYO., AND HAD AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE RAWLINS PAPER. THEN TO SIOUX CITY, IA., WHERE I VISITED THE BUS COMPANY AND A COIN SHOP, AND SOLD A CATALOGUE FOR THE A.V.A. FROM THERE I WENT NORTH TO MADEIRA, MINN., WHERE I LOCATED THE NOONAN FAMILY WHO OWNED THE NOONAN HOTEL, BUT THEY NEITHER HAD ANY TOKENS NOR ANY DESIRE TO SEE TOKEN COLLECTORS.

IN MINNEAPOLIS I VISITED HAROLD CHESNEY, PRESIDENT OF THE MIDWEST CLUB, AND SPENT A PLEASANT EVENING AT HIS HOME WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THEIR CLUB. MRS. CHESNEY PROVED TO BE A GRACIOUS HOSTESS, AND WE ALL SAT UP WELL INTO THE NIGHT TALKING TOKENS...AND I MADE SEVERAL GOOD TRADES BENEFICIAL TO ALL PARTIES.

FROM MINNEAPOLIS I WENT TO WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WISC., WHERE I SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WITH A YOUNG ENERGETIC COLLECTOR, GERALD W. JOHNSON. OUR HOBBY NEEDS MORE NEW COLLECTORS WITH HIS ENTHUSIASM. THEN I VISITED DUBUQUE, IOWA, TO CHECK ON THOSE GUN-METAL PLATED LISTINGS. AFTER CHECKING A GOOD NUMBER OF TOKENS AT THE COMPANY OFFICE, I AM FAIRLY WELL SATISFIED THAT IA 310 E DOES NOT EXIST, AND NEITHER DOES 310 L. THESE TWO LISTINGS PROBABLY RESULT FROM THE FACT THAT COPPER AND BRONZE TOKENS, WHEN THEY TARNISH, SOMETIMES APPEAR IN DIFFERENT SHADES. BUT I AM SURE THAT THE GUN-METAL PLATED DUBUQUE ELECTRIC TOKENS ARE ALL COPPER, AND THE INTERSTATE POWER GUN-METAL PLATED TOKENS ARE ALL BRONZE.

FROM THERE I DROVE ACROSS CENTRAL IOWA, CHECKING FOR TOKENS AT CEDAR RAPIDS, TOLEDO, MARSHALLTOWN, AND DES MOINES. AN OFFICIAL OF THE DES MOINES BUS LINE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JOINING THE A.V.A. I FINALLY ARRIVED IN KANSAS CITY, WHERE I PICKED UP MY PARENTS, WHO WANTED TO ACCOMPANY ME TO NEW YORK

TO SEE ME OFF. AT HANNIBAL, Mo., I LEARNED THAT THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY BUS SERVICE, AND I MADE A FRUITLESS SEARCH OF ANTIQUE SHOPS. KANKAKEE, ILL., IS ALSO WITHOUT BUS SERVICE, BUT A VISIT TO THE PARKING METER COLLECTION OFFICE PAID OFF WITH A FEW OF THE COMMON VARIETIES.

I STOPPED BY TO SEE CHRIS COOK IN CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO, AND WAS SORRY TO LEARN THAT HE WAS OUT OF TOWN. HOPE TO CATCH YOU IN ON THE NEXT TRIP, CHRIS.

AT MCKEESPORT WE VISITED WITH MR. AND MRS. BLACK FOR A SHORT WHILE. A VISIT WITH THE BLACKS IS ALWAYS THE HIGH POINT OF ANY TRIP, FOR THEY ARE GRACIOUS HOSTS, AND WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME TALKING TOKENS. THE BLACKS HAVE ONE OF THE BEST COLLECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

FINALLY WE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE WE SAW MAX M. SCHWARTZ, WHO HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO SEE THAT MY SHORT STAY IN NEW YORK WAS A PLEASANT AND ENJOYABLE ONE. IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO DISCUSS TOKENS WITH MR. SCHWARTZ, WHOSE U.S. COLLECTION IS SECOND ONLY TO THAT OF MR. ATWOOD. LATER I DROPPED IN TO THE OFFICE OF MR. FOSTER M. POLLACK, AND REGRET THAT HE WAS OUT AND I WAS THUS DEPRIVED OF THE PLEASURE OF MEETING AN A.V.A. MEMBER WITH WHOM I HAVE CORRESPONDED FOR SOME TIME.

ON JULY 25, SOMEWHAT REGRETTING THAT I COULD NOT ATTEND THE SANTA MONICA CONVENTION, I DEPARTED BY PLANE FOR EUROPE. NEXT MONTH I HOPE TO RELATE SOME OF THE EXPERIENCES I HAD IN EUROPE, VISITING COIN DEALERS, ANTIQUE SHOPS, AND STREETCAR LINES.

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### ERRORS ON TOKENS

TOKEN MANUFACTURERS HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN A HIGHLY LITERATE GROUP OF AMERICANS. MANY OF OUR TOKENS HAVE ERRORS ON THEM, ESPECIALLY IN SPELLING. WE HAVE SUCH BLOOPERS AS THESE: WITCHITA FALLS, POCATELLA (FOR POCATELLO), BEACH GROVE (FOR BEECH GROVE), ROXOBORO (FOR ROXBORO), FISKILL (FOR FISHKILL), "BUSS" (FOR BUS) ON 2 TOKENS, "DEPOSITE" (FOR DEPOSIT) ON KY 510 A, "HIAWATHER" (FOR HIAWATHA) ON OHIO 590 A, "ACCOMODATION" (FOR ACCOMMODATION) ON MD 60 B, "FERRAGE" (FOR FERRIAGE) ON ILL 768 B & C. MICH 80 A HAS "ARNCTT" (FOR ARNETT), AND OHIO 860 A HAS AN UPSIDE-DOWN "V" INSTEAD OF AN "A" IN THE WORD "OTTAWA." ALL OF THESE TOKENS WERE REGULAR ISSUES, AND THE DIE-MAKER SIMPLY MADE AN ERROR. THERE ARE PROBABLY SEVERAL MORE, BUT THESE ARE ALL THAT COME TO MIND AT THE MOMENT. THEY ADD TO THE VARIETY AND INTEREST OF OUR HOBBY. CAN YOU THINK OF ANY OTHERS?

- J.M.C.

## CITY TRANSIT IN THE SOVIET UNION

BY LEO J. MARGOLIN

[THIS ARTICLE, REPRINTED FROM PASSENGER TRANSPORT, WAS WRITTEN AS A RESULT OF PERSONAL OBSERVATION BY MR. MARGOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF TEX McCRARY, INC., AND PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. SO FAR AS IS KNOWN, NO TOKENS ARE CURRENTLY USED IN THE U.S.S.R., BUT ..... RUMORS PERSIST THAT TOKENS ARE USED IN MOSCOW. =JMC]

IF THE MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS OF MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD ARE TYPICAL OF THE REST OF RUSSIA, THE SOVIETS RUN THEIR TRANSIT OPERATIONS AS EFFICIENTLY AS WE DO IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WITH ADEQUATE SERVICEABLE ROLLING STOCK. OUTSTANDING, OF COURSE, ARE THE SUBWAYS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE STATIONS WHICH ARE ARTISTIC AS WELL AS ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENTS. QUITE JUSTIFIABLY, THE SUBWAYS IN BOTH CITIES ARE TOURIST ATTRACTIONS, INCLUDED IN THE SIGHTSEEING PROGRAMS OF INTOURIST, THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHICH SHEPHERDS FOREIGN TOURISTS THROUGH THE MYSTERIES OF THE USSR. REPORTS ARE THAT THE NEW SIX-MILE-LONG SUBWAY IN KIEV, ANOTHER CITY ON THE TOURIST CIRCUIT, ALSO WILL BE A SHOWPIECE. TRACKS FOR THIS LINE ARE BEING LAID NOW.

TO ONE WHO HAS NEVER BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO CLIMBING NEW YORK'S SUBWAY STAIRS, MOST STRIKING FEATURE OF THE TWO UNDERGROUNDS, OR METROS, IS THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF STAIRWAYS ON RUSSIAN SUBWAYS. PASSENGERS ARE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM STREET LEVEL TO TRAIN LEVEL--AND VICE VERSA--AT ALL STATIONS BY HIGH SPEED ESCALATORS. AT SOME STATIONS THESE MOVING STAIRS ARE UP TO 300 FEET LONG. THE RUSSIAN SUBWAYS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE SOVIETS' PRIDE AND JOY, AND AFTER TRAVELING ON THEM, AMERICAN TOURISTS WILL TELL YOU THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE GOOD REASON FOR CHEST EXPANSION. CONTRARY TO WHAT I HEARD--THAT THE SUBWAYS ARE STRICTLY FOR SHOW AND REALLY GO NOWHERE--THE RUSSIAN UNDERGROUNDS RUN ON FREQUENT SCHEDULES, AND DO TAKE PASSENGERS SOMEWHERE, AND FOR 50 KOPECKS. THIS IS EQUAL TO 5¢ AT THE TOURIST RATE OF EXCHANGE, OR 12¢ BY THE SOVIETS' OWN UNREALISTIC AND INFLATED OFFICIAL EXCHANGE. IN ADDITION TO THE MARBLE, MIRRORS, STATUES, GOLD ORNAMENTATION, AND PROPAGANDA MURALS IN RUSSIAN SUBWAY STATIONS, THERE ARE ALSO SPOTLESSLY CLEAN TRAIN PLATFORMS, DIRT-FREE TRACK BEDS, AND TRAINS WHICH ARE SIMPLE IN THEIR DESIGN BUT QUITE UTILITARIAN. UPHOLSTERED SEATS ARE IN ROWS FACING EACH OTHER, DOORS ARE PNEUMATIC AND CENTRALLY OPERATED. CLEANLINESS IS OUTSTANDING. A COMRADE WHO THROWS A PIECE OF PAPER ON A PLATFORM OR TRAIN FLOOR WOULD FIND HIMSELF SEVERELY CRITICIZED BY HIS FELLOW PASSENGERS AND POSSIBLY FINED ON THE SPOT. MOSCOW HAS JUST EXTENDED ITS SUBWAY SYSTEM ALMOST TO THE CITY LINE WHERE THE NEW MOSCOW UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN BUILT AROUND A CENTRAL SKYSCRAPER.

ENTRANCE TO ANY RUSSIAN SUBWAY IS THROUGH AN IMPOSING ONE-STORY, STREET-LEVEL STRUCTURE WHICH LOOKS MORE LIKE A FAN-

CY, ORNAMENTAL BANK BUILDING THAN A SUBWAY STATION. A LARGE "M" IDENTIFIES THE BUILDING AS A METRO STATION.

RUSSIAN BUSES COME AS A SURPRISE. THEY LOOK LIKE BUSES IN THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH THEY LACK STREAMLINING. RUSSIAN BUSES ARE RUGGED, COMFORTABLE, AND THEY WORK. APPARENTLY MAINTENANCE IS GOOD BECAUSE THERE SEEM TO BE ALMOST NO BREAKDOWNS. ALL BUSES IN SOVIET RUSSIA ARE MANUFACTURED BY THE STATE-RUN AUTOMOBILE AND TRUCK MONOPOLY. THEY ARE USUALLY TURNED OUT BY THE ZIM FACTORY, WHICH ALSO MAKES MANY OF THE COUNTRY'S PASSENGER CARS. BUSES ARE NUMEROUS AND, LIKE CITIES EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD, ARE CROWDED DURING RUSH HOURS AND QUITE COMFORTABLE AT OTHER TIMES. BUS FARES ARE ACCORDING TO DISTANCE. THE MINIMUM IS 20 KOPECKS, EQUIVALENT TO 2¢ AT THE TOURIST RATE, OR 5¢ AT THE OFFICIAL RATE. MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS IN LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW OPERATE 19 HOURS DAILY, ARE SHUT DOWN BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. BUT TAXIS ARE AVAILABLE ALL NIGHT AT THE RATE OF 1 RUBLE PER KILOMETER (5/8 MILE) AND NO TIPPING ALLOWED.

A CURIOSITY IN RUSSIAN TRANSIT OPERATION ARE THE WOMEN WHO DRIVE THE HUGE TRACKLESS TROLLEY BUSES AND THE DOUBLE-UNIT ELECTRIC TROLLEY CARS. ONLY MEN DRIVE THE DIESEL PASSENGER BUSES, BUT WOMEN SEEM TO BE IN THE MAJORITY IN THE ELECTRIC TROLLEY OPERATIONS, WHICH ARE FOUND IN BOTH LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW. ALL ELECTRIC TROLLEYS ON TRACKS ARE DOUBLE-UNITS WITH CONDUCTORS, USUALLY WOMEN, COLLECTING FARES IN EACH UNIT. THERE IS NO ONE-MAN (OR WOMAN) OPERATION IN EITHER CITY. TURNSTILES OR FARE COLLECTION BOXES ARE UNKNOWN IN RUSSIAN TRANSIT SYSTEMS. SUBWAY TICKETS ARE BOUGHT AT STATION BOOTHS AT STREET LEVEL AND COLLECTED BY WOMEN TICKET PUNCHERS. FARE COLLECTION ON TROLLEYS AND BUSES ARE ALSO BY HAND AND TICKETS ARE GIVEN AS RECEIPTS.

INCIDENTALLY, ONE OF THE LARGEST USERS OF BUSES IN RUSSIA IS INTOURIST, WHICH HAS HUNDREDS OF BUSES AND DRIVERS FOR CARTING TOURISTS AROUND. THE SIGHTSEEING BUSES ARE ROOMY, COMFORTABLE AND FAIRLY MANEUVERABLE. ALL ARE GEARSHIFT. IT IS QUITE A COMMON SIGHT TO SEE A HUNDRED OR MORE INTOURIST BUSES PARKED OUTSIDE A STADIUM OR THEATRE WAITING TO PICK UP TOURISTS AND RETURN THEM TO HOTELS. SEATING CAPACITY OF THE BUSES USED BY INTOURIST IS ABOUT 30, BUT IT IS FAIRLY COMMON TO SEE AN INTOURIST SIGHTSEEING BUS WITH 10 OR 15 TOURISTS RATTLING AROUND, NEXT TO A JAMPACKED TRANSIT BUS DURING RUSH HOURS, WHILE BOTH VEHICLES ARE WAITING FOR A TRAFFIC LIGHT TO CHANGE.

ADVERTISING CAR CARDS ARE SPARINGLY USED. THE ONLY CAR CARD DISPLAY WE SAW IN A BUS WAS A PICTURE SERIES IN AN AD PROMOTING TRAFFIC SAFETY. FOUR OF THE FIVE PHOTOS SHOWN AS "HORRIBLE EXAMPLES" DEPICTED COLLISIONS BETWEEN TRUCKS OR PASSENGER CARS AND TRANSIT BUSES OR TROLLEYS.



## THE MONROE, WISC., STORY

BY HAROLD FORD, JR.

ON MY TRIP ACROSS THE UNITED STATES LAST SUMMER ENROUTE TO EUROPE, I PASSED THROUGH MONROE, WISCONSIN, AND DECIDED TO SPEND THE DAY SEARCHING FOR WISC 530 A, A VERY SCARCE TOKEN. AS THE RESULT OF MY INVESTIGATIONS, I ASCERTAINED THE FOLLOWING HISTORY OF THE SHORT-LIVED BUS LINE WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS TOKEN.

MONROE TRANSIT LINES, INC., BEGAN OPERATIONS ON MAY 2, 1948, WITH A FARE OF 10¢ CASH OR 3 TOKENS FOR 25¢. THE CHILD AND STUDENT RATE WAS 5¢. THE OFFICERS WERE ERLING LANDFRIED, PRES., LORRAINE LANDFRIED, HIS WIFE, VICE-PRES., AND JOHN T. PORTER, SECRETARY. (ELEVEN YEARS LATER NONE OF THESE PEOPLE WAS LIVING IN MONROE.) THE LINE OPERATED THREE ROUTES, A NORTH AND EAST ROUTE, A SOUTH ROUTE, AND A WEST ROUTE. THE WEST ROUTE WAS A TRIAL 60-DAY ROUTE WHICH WAS DISCONTINUED.

EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FROM THE START, MONROE TRANSIT LINES FIRST CUT SUNDAY SERVICE, AND THEN CUT THE FREQUENCY OF THEIR DAILY SERVICE. THE LOSSES CONTINUED UNABATED, AVERAGING \$300 MONTHLY. SO IN THE FALL OF 1948, THE LINE PETITIONED THE CITY AND STATE FOR PERMISSION TO TERMINATE. PERMISSION WAS GRANTED, AND ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1949, THE MONROE TRANSIT LINES PASSED INTO HISTORY, HAVING EXISTED FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR. SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI!

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## THE CALIFORNIA STREET CABLE RAILROAD

SAN FRANCISCO, IN ITS DAY, WAS HEAVILY LACED WITH LITTLE CABLE CAR LINES, OPERATED BY MANY DIFFERENT COMPANIES. IT REMAINS TODAY THE ONLY CITY IN AMERICA STILL USING CABLE CARS. NOR ARE THE CABLE LINES MERELY TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. THEY RUN UP ITS STEEPEST STREETS WHERE BUSES WOULD BE AT A GRAVE DISADVANTAGE, AND THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE CITY'S REGULAR TRANSIT NETWORK. THE ONLY CABLE CAR COMPANY WHICH EVER ISSUED TOKENS WAS THE CALIFORNIA STREET CABLE RAILROAD, WHICH OPERATED FROM MARKET ST. NEAR THE FERRY BLDG. UP OVER NOB HILL AND ON DOWN CALIFORNIA STREET. THIS FIRM INCORPORATED JULY 23, 1884, AND CEASED TO OPERATE IN DECEMBER, 1951. FORTUNATELY, THE CITY HAD VOTED TO TAKE OVER ITS OPERATIONS, AND ON JANUARY 13, 1952, THE MUNICIPAL RAILWAY COMMENCED OPERATING THE RED CABLE CARS ON CALIFORNIA STREET. LATER THE LINE WAS CUT BACK TO VAN NESS STREET, WHICH REMAINS THE TERMINUS OF THE LINE TODAY. ORIGINAL FARE WAS 5¢, WHICH WAS INCREASED TO 7¢ ON OCT. 15, 1944 (WHEN TOKENS FIRST WENT INTO USE), AND LATER TO 10¢. ON FEB. 19, 1951, FARE WENT TO 15¢ OR 2 TOKENS FOR 25¢. AT PRESENT, AS PART OF THE MUNICIPAL RAILWAY, THE FARE IS 15¢ STRAIGHT, AND THE LITTLE CABLE TOKENS HAVE BEEN OBSOLETE SINCE 1952.

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A REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

FELLOW MEMBERS: THE PROPOSED BY-LAWS AS ADOPTED BY THE ANNUAL CONVENTION AT SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE BOARD. THIS, IN EFFECT, NOW MEANS THAT THEY ARE THE RULES WE WILL LIVE BY. AS STATED IN THE BY-LAWS THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT EROY L. KIMMONS, THE LAST PAST PRESIDENT, IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT WE NOW HAVE THE BY-LAWS PRINTED AND FORWARDED TO EVERY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. AT THIS TIME I AM GOING TO ASK IF THERE IS ANY MEMBER IN THE A.V.A. WHO IS ALLIED WITH THE PRINTING TRADE. IF SO, WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO TRY AND DO THE ORGANIZATION A FAVOR BY GIVING US A GOOD PRICE ON THE PRINTING OF THE BY-LAWS? IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN THE PROJECT, KINDLY GET IN TOUCH WITH ME, AND I SHALL GIVE YOU THE PARTICULARS SO THAT WE MIGHT PROCEED WITH THE PRINTING OF THE BY-LAWS. I SINCERELY HOPE THERE IS SOME MEMBER WITHIN OUR RANKS WHO CAN SEE FIT TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION OUT.

THIS IS FOR THE NEWER MEMBERS. WE HAVE A FEW LAPEL PINS LEFT, AND THEY ARE SOLD FOR \$1.04 WITH THE PROCEEDS GOING INTO THE A.V.A. TREASURY. THEY ARE A VERY NICE LAPEL PIN AND WOULD EASILY SELL FOR \$5.00, AS THEY ARE DEFINITELY A QUALITY PRODUCT. ONCE THEY ARE GONE THERE WILL PROBABLY BE NO MORE, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, DON'T HESITATE AS THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED. ALSO DON'T FORGET THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY A.V.A. MEDAL. THE SUPPLY ON THIS ITEM IS ALSO LIMITED, AND ONCE SOLD OUT THERE WILL BE NO MORE.

AT THIS TIME I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS WHO VOTED FOR ME, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO DIDN'T, FOR VOTING. IT SHOWS THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE ORGANIZATION AND THIS IS A HEALTHY CONDITION. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR VOTING.

WILLIAM E. EISENBERG - 3728 MAYFAIR ST. - PITTSBURGH 4, PA.

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## NOVEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO A WOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

ILLINOIS

SAINT FRANCISVILLE 768 (REPORTED BY LEE SANDERS)  
 ST. FRANCISVILLE FERRY W.C. GILLISPIE OWNER  
 /ST. FRANCISVILLE ILL.

C o B Ov Sd GOOD FOR 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  IN FERRAGE \$3.50

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE 60 (REPORTED BY B.H. BAAKE, JR.)  
 GOOD FOR ONE RIDE [USED ON LOCH HILL BUS]

AP o B 24 Sd [BLANK][USED FOR ADULT FARE] 1.50

AQ o B 24 Pc " [USED FOR SCHOOL FARE] 1.50

AR o A 24 Sd " [USED FOR CHILD FARE] 1.50

LOCH HILL IDLEWYLDE BUS (BUS)[EX MAVERICK 64]  
 AS Bz 23 BALL GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS)[2 SLOTS] .20

MASSACHUSETTS

SOUTH WEYMOUTH 740 (REPORTED BY F. GORDON SMITH)  
 SUPREME TAXI SERVICE Y [NUMERALS]

A B 35 Sd [BLANK][OBVERSE LETTERS INCUSE & BLACK] .25

MISSOURI

WEST PLAINS 980 (REPORTED BY MELVYN SCOTT)  
 MCFARLAND CAB & BAGGAGE LINE WEST PLAINS, MO.

A o B 28 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE][Sc] 3.50

OHIO

ATHENS 35 (REPORTED BY W.D. SHUPE)  
 BOWER BROS. FINE LIVERY AND SALESTABLE  
 /ATHENS, O.

B o A 25 Sd GOOD FOR 1 FARE 3.50

ATHENS TRANSFER CO. WARREN BROS.  
 C o A 24 Sd GOOD FOR ONE SEAT [EX MAVERICK 48] 3.50

ZANESVILLE 995 (REPORTED BY MELVYN SCOTT)  
 ZANESVILLE STREET RAILWAY

B o Cp 22 Sd ONE 5 FARE 3.50

UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED BY DAWSON [#67], AND JONES [#68])  
 CLOUDYS FERRY RETURN CHECK

67. B 20 Sd VOID AFTER SEP. 1, 1912  
 S.A. HOLLAND BUS & BAGGAGE 1 RIDE

68. A 25 Sd [BLANK]

CANADA - QUEBEC

CHICOUTIMI 100 (REPORTED BY JOHN G. NICOLSI)  
 AUTOBUS SAGUENAY INC. (EMBLEM)

A WM 16 Sd UN PASSAGE ONE FARE AUTOBUS SAGUENAY INC.  
 /(EMBLEM) .15

B WM 22 Sd ENFANT CHILD AUTOBUS SAGUENAY INC.  
 /(EMBLEM) .15

## NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR I WAS HOPING THAT MY WANT-LIST WOULD DECREASE, BUT INSTEAD IT IS INCREASING. ANYWAY, I AM GLAD THAT VARIOUS COLLECTORS ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO UN-EARTH A LOT OF OLD TOKENS. THIS IS WHAT MAKES THE HOBBY INTER-ESTING--THAT IS, LOOKING FOR TOKENS WE SHOULD HAVE LISTED YEARS AGO. FIRST OF ALL THIS MONTH WE HAVE ANOTHER TOKEN FROM ST. FRANCISVILLE, ILL. THE FIRST TOKEN FROM HERE WAS REPORTED 5 YEARS AGO, AND EVEN THOUGH IVAN CLINE DID HIS BEST TO FIND MORE IN THE TIME SINCE, HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO FIND ONE EACH OF THE A AND B TOKENS. HOWEVER, MR. SANDERS WAS ABLE TO FIND ANOTHER ONE OF THE B TOKEN, AS WELL AS ANOTHER ONE WHICH PREVIOUSLY WAS UNKNOWN. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT MANY OF THESE WILL EVER SHOW UP, AS MR. CLINE HAD DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF GOING OVER THESE FERRY TOWNS. MR. SANDERS DID OBTAIN THE INFORMATION THAT THE ROUND TRIP ON THE FERRY WAS 25¢ FOR HORSE & BUGGY. THE REGULAR CUSTOMERS WERE NOT GIVEN THE 12½¢ TOKEN FOR THE RETURN TRIP BECAUSE THE OWNER WOULD REMEMBER THEM, AND JUST LET THEM ON. BUT STRANGERS WOULD BE GIVEN THIS 12½¢ TOKEN, SINCE THEY MIGHT NOT RETURN THE SAME DAY. SO THE 12½¢ TOKEN MAY BE EVEN HARDER TO LOCATE THAN THE 25¢ ONE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HOWEVER, NONE OF THE 25¢ TOKENS ARE SHOWING UP EITHER.

NEXT THE LOCH HILL IDLEWYLDE TOKENS. A FEW MONTHS BACK WE ASKED IF ANYONE COULD RECOGNIZE THIS TOKEN, AND LATER WE LISTED IT AS UNIDENTIFIED #64. HOWEVER, MR. BAAKE RECOGNIZED IT AS A ONE-BUS OUTFIT THAT OPERATED IN ONE DISTRICT OF BALTI-MORE. THE FELLOW HAS JUST ABOUT USED UP HIS SUPPLY OF TOKENS. HE ORIGINALLY ORDERED 1,000, AND AT PRESENT DOESN'T WANT TO PART WITH ANY UNTIL HE SEES WHAT HIS NEXT FARE RAISE WILL BE, AND WHETHER OR NOT HE USES TOKENS THEN. POSSIBLY HE WILL STILL USE THEM AND THEN REORDER, SO THEN THE NEW ISSUES SER-VICE COULD OBTAIN SOME. WHILE TALKING TO THE OWNER, MR. BAAKE ALSO LEARNED THAT THIS LINE HAD USED OTHER TYPES OF TOKENS IN THE PAST. HE OBTAINED A FEW OF THESE FOR TRADING. NEXT TIME MR. BAAKE CONTACTS THE OWNER WE'LL HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WHEN THE TOKENS WERE USED.

WE HAVE ANOTHER TOKEN OF THE SUPREME TAXI SERVICE, SIM-ILAR TO THE OTHERS EXCEPT THAT IT HAS A "Y" ON IT, FOR USE BY A MARKET IN SOUTH WEYMOUTH.

THE WEST PLAINS, MO., TOKEN WAS DISCOVERED BY MEL SCOTT. AT PRESENT JOHNNIE JONES IS TRYING TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS COMPANY. WEST PLAINS IS 120 MILES SOUTHEAST OF SPRINGFIELD ON THE FRISCO MAIN LINE TO MEMPHIS. THE CITY SQUARE IS ABOUT 4 BLOCKS FROM THE DEPOT, SO THIS IS PROBABLY AN OLD DEPOTEL TO-KEN. ALTHOUGH JOHNNIE HAS SPENT TIME IN THIS TOWN HE NEVER DREAMT THAT THERE WAS EVER A TOKEN USED THERE. NOW TO SEE IF ANY MORE OF THEM CAN BE LOCATED.

THE BOWER BROS. TOKEN OF ATHENS, O., WAS DISCOVERED BY

W.D. SHUPE. THIS LINE WAS STARTED ABOUT 1900, BEING ONE OF THOSE LINES WHICH MET THE TRAINS AND TRANSPORTED PEOPLE TO THE HOTELS, AS WELL AS OFFERING VEHICLES FOR HIRE. IN GETTING INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOKEN MR. SHUPE ALSO LEARNED THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER SIMILAR COMPANY OPERATING IN ATHENS WHICH HAD USED A TOKEN (WARREN BROS.). EVEN THOUGH UNABLE TO OBTAIN ONE OF THE LATTER, THIS INFORMATION MADE US REALIZE THAT THE TOKEN WE HAVE LISTED AS UNIDENTIFIED #48 WAS THE ONE IN QUESTION, SO WE HAVE TRANSFERRED ITS LISTING TO ATHENS. THE DISCOVERY OF THESE DEPOTEL TOKENS INDICATES THAT THERE ARE STILL MANY OF THESE OLD "HOTEL TO DEPOT" TOKENS TO BE FOUND. ANY PLACE WHERE THERE WAS TRAIN SERVICE AND A HOTEL SOME DISTANCE FROM THE DEPOT WAS LIABLE TO HAVE SUCH HACK SERVICE, ESPECIALLY BEFORE THE DAYS OF TAXICABS. SO NEVER SAY YOU CANNOT FIND ANY MORE OLD TOKENS.

THE ZANESVILLE STREET RAILWAY WAS PROBABLY IN OPERATION PRIOR TO 1900. THIS IS ANOTHER PLACE WHERE PROBABLY NO ONE TRIED TO FIND ANYTHING BECAUSE IT WAS NOT THOUGHT THAT THERE HAD BEEN ANY OLD TOKENS IN USE.

THE TWO UNIDENTIFIED TOKENS HAVE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, AS NOTHING IS KNOWN ABOUT THEM. HOWEVER IT APPEARS THAT THE S.A. HOLLAND TOKEN IS ANOTHER OF THE DEPOTEL TOKENS.

FINALLY WE HAVE TWO TOKENS FROM CANADA. WE HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT THIS COMPANY WAS GOING TO DISCONTINUE TICKETS AND USE TOKENS. FINALLY THEY OBTAINED THEIR NEW FARE BOXES AND THE TOKENS, WHICH WENT INTO USE SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1959. THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER COMPANIES STILL USING TICKETS, AND POSSIBLY ONE OF THESE DAYS THEY MAY ALSO GET NEW FARE BOXES WHICH WILL REGISTER TOKENS. THE GRANT MONEY METER CO. WHICH MAKES THESE FARE BOXES STILL HASN'T COMPLETED THEIR ORDER FOR FARE BOXES HERE IN SAN FRANCISCO...BUT NO TOKENS ARE USED, THE FARE BEING 15¢ STRAIGHT. WESTERN GREYHOUND IS ALSO GETTING THESE BOXES, SO THERE IS A BACKLOG OF ORDERS TO BE FILLED.

IN A FUTURE ISSUE, I AM GOING TO TRY TO INCLUDE AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE MODERN DAY FARE BOX. THESE CAME INTO EXISTENCE IN 1916 AND JUST WHEN A LOT OF TRANSIT COMPANIES WANTED TO ORDER THEM, PRODUCTION WAS HALTED AS A RESULT OF WORLD WAR I. THIS WAS ALSO THE BEGINNING OF OUR MODERN DAY TOKEN. PREVIOUS TO THIS WE HAD TOKENS OF VARIOUS SIZES EITHER SOLID OR WITH HOLES DRILLED THROUGH THEM.

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CORRECT THE SPELLING IN THE LISTINGS FOR NY 445 A AND B TO RONDOUT, NOT "ROUNDOUT." THE CITY OF KINGSTON COVERS A HUGE AREA, AND RONDOUT IS NOW INCLUDED IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE CITY, ON THE HUDSON RIVER. THE TOKENS WERE USED ON A HORSE-CAR LINE, AND THE BROWN ONE (B) IS MANY TIMES RARER THAN THE BLACK ONE (A); BUT NEITHER OF THEM IS COMMON BY ANY MEANS.

# THE FARE BOX

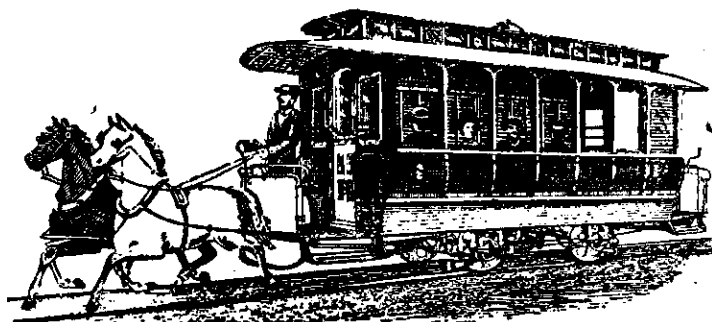
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**KENNETH E. PURDY**

IT WAS WITH MUCH REGRET THAT THE EDITOR RECENTLY LEARNED THAT KENNETH E. PURDY, A.V.A. #125, OF MIAMI, HAD PASSED AWAY. HIS DEATH WILL GRIEVE THE MANY COLLECTORS WHO ENJOYED KNOWING AND CORRESPONDING WITH HIM.

THE EDITOR HOPES THAT THE BLESSINGS OF A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR WILL BE VISITED UPON ALL READERS OF THIS NEWS-LETTER. MAY 1960 INCREASE YOUR ENJOYMENT OF THE HOBBY, THE SIZE OF YOUR COLLECTIONS, AND THE WELFARE OF OUR ASSOCIATION.

THE INDEX TO ARTICLES IN VOLUME 13, WHICH ORDINARILY WOULD ACCOMPANY THIS ISSUE, WILL BE PUT OVER TO JANUARY. THIS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE LARGE SIZE OF THIS ISSUE; ANOTHER PAGE WOULD INCREASE OUR POSTAGE ON EACH COPY FROM 8¢ TO 12¢.

AT THE SANTA MONICA CONVENTION, IT WAS AGREED TO INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW A.V.A. CONSTITUTION, WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. THE FEE FOR LIFE MEMBERS HAS TENTATIVELY BEEN SET AT \$30, SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL. LIFE MEMBERS, ONCE THEY PAY THE FEE, WILL BE FREE FROM ALL DUES IN THE FUTURE, AND REMAIN MEMBERS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES (ASSUMING GOOD BEHAVIOR, OF COURSE).



SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: LIFE MEMBERSHIP WAS APPROVED AT THE RECENT A.V.A. CONVENTION, AND ALSO BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. NOW THAT THE TIME FOR PAYING DUES IS UPON US, THE PROBLEM OF HOW MUCH TO CHARGE FOR A LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS INVOLVED. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AFTER CONSIDERABLE STUDY OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' CHARGES THAT WE SHOULD SET A FEE OF \$30.00 FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP. I WOULD LIKE EACH MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO LET ME KNOW BY MAIL WHETHER THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. I AM GOING TO SET A DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 31, 1959, FOR YOUR REPLY, AND NOT HEARING FROM YOU WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC APPROVAL. PLEASE COMPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER A VERY PLEASANT HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH MANY PLEASANT MOMENTS WITH YOUR COLLECTIONS. HAVE A SAFE AND SANE HOLIDAY AND REMEMBER IT IS MUCH NICER TO BE AT HOME WITH YOUR LOVED ONES THAN IN A JAIL OR A GRAVE.

- WILLIAM E. EISENBERG, PRES.

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NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

FIRST OFF, A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL. HOPING THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING US A LOT OF NEW TOKENS. WE HAD A VERY NICE YEAR, AS FAR AS NEW ISSUES WERE CONCERNED. AS THIS IS CHRISTMAS MONTH, NO TOKENS WILL BE SENT TO YOU. I'LL SEND THEM AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, AS THERE IS ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY OF THE LETTERS' BEING LOST IN THE CHRISTMAS RUSH. AFTER THE FIRST YOU WILL RECEIVE 2 TOKENS: ONE FROM CHILLICOTHE, O., FOR WHICH WE THANK HAROLD FORD FOR OBTAINING THEM. THIS TOKEN WOULD HAVE GONE UNNOTICED PERHAPS FOR 2 MORE YEARS, AS THAT'S HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN IN USE, IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HAROLD TRAVELLING AROUND. YOU ALSO WILL RECEIVE MASS 355 C, THANKS TO JULIUS SHERR OF ARLINGTON, VA., FOR THE TIP. THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER CANADIAN TOKEN. P.S. I SHOULD LIKE TO MENTION ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE KEEP YOUR ACCOUNT IN THE BLACK, AS I DON'T LIKE TO DROP ANYONE FROM THE SERVICE; BUT A FEW OF YOU MAY FORCE ME TO DO JUST THAT, SO THOSE OF YOU WITH DEBIT ACCOUNTS, I SHALL NOT MENTION IT AGAIN...I'LL JUST HAVE TO DROP YOU, AND LET ONE OF THE MANY COLLECTORS ON THE WAITING LIST TAKE YOUR PLACE.

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LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSIT OF ALLENTOWN, PA., HAS INCREASED FARES FROM 20¢ CASH TO 23¢ AND INSTITUTED A 22½¢ TOKEN....FREMONT TRANSIT LINES OF FREMONT, OHIO, IS BEING BOUGHT BY THE CITY....JEFFERSONVILLE BUS LINES (INDIANA) HAS GONE OUT OF BUSINESS.



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315 MARK HITE - THE JEWISH HOSPITAL X-RAY DEPT, CINCINNATI 29,  
AGE 24; STUDENT. 75 TOKENS. /OHIO  
316 WILLIAM D. KOONCE - 4269 FAIR AVE. - No. HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.  
AGE 47; TEACHER. 250 AUSTRALASIAN TOKENS.  
317 ROSS BURKHART - 283 $\frac{1}{2}$  No. KENMORE AVE. - LOS ANGELES 4, CAL  
AGE 54; MAIL CARRIER.

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THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF THE A.V.A. = 1960 DUES ARE NOW PAY-  
ABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3.00 FOR A YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP. ALL DUES  
SHOULD BE PAID BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. PLEASE NOTE CARE-  
FULLY: THE RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE WAS  
VERY DISAPPOINTING. WE ALL MUST PUT A LITTLE EFFORT BEHIND US  
AND GET YOUR DUES PAID IN GOOD TIME, TO KEEP A GOOD WORKING  
ORGANIZATION OPERATING WELL. IN THE EVENT THAT THE \$30 LIFE  
MEMBERSHIP FEE IS ADOPTED, MEMBERS WHO PAY THEIR \$3 1960 DUES  
MAY APPLY THE \$3 TO THEIR \$30 LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE, IF THEY WISH  
TO BECOME LIFE MEMBERS THIS YEAR. WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! = DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O.  
Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

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= NEW TIME TABLE DISCOVERED =

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/FOOT WABASH AVE. (STEAMSHIP)

G B 33 SD THE GREAT EXCURSION ROUTE EFFECTIVE JUNE 20TH  
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FOR SALE OR TRADE AT CATALOGUE: ARK 480 Q; FLA 370 A, 530 C; ILL 765 A; IND 110 B, 960 C; KY 530 A; NJ 555 D; ND 960 A; PA 25 D, 65 P R, 70 A B, 775 B.

A.A. GIBBONS - 300 LENOX ROAD - BROOKLYN 26, N.Y.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE (STAMPED ENVELOPE PLEASE): MICH 75 D F; MINN 600 A B; NC 630 A; ND 600 B (UNC. NO RIM); PA 70 A B, 200 A B C, 765 X Y; VA 600 A B C D F I J L. ANY OFFERS IN TRADE FOR NY 785 C D, 800 A, OR KY 510 BS?

JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

FOR SALE AT CAT. PRICE: MO 880 A; OKLA 640 A; N.M. 430 B, 900 A; WISC 170 B D. STAMPED ENVELOPE PLEASE.

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WILL TRADE (ANY 2) OF THESE TOKENS FOR MAVERICKS: COL 535 A D; IDAHO 440 D; ILL 150 A; IOWA 150 B; MINN 540 I; NEB 440 C D; OHIO 230 M; OKLA 380 B; ORE 800 B.

FRANK W. GUERNSEY - 3725 N.E. 17TH AVE. - PORTLAND 12, ORE.

WANTED: OLD TRANSFERS FROM THE DALLAS RAILWAY & TERMINAL CO., (EXCEPT HAMPTON) AND SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC SERVICE CO. THE OLDER THE BETTER.

ROY L. IRWIN - 430 STEVES AVE. - SAN ANTONIO 10, TEX.

ATTENTION NEW COLLECTORS: SEND FOR MY LIST OF DUPLICATES. SOME I HAVE FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE ARE NY 790 D & PA 870 A.

DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

FOR SALE (PLUS 12¢ POSTAGE): GA 50 B, 60 O P, 70 B, 200 A, 450 A B C, 540 B; ILL 10 D E, 70 A, 130 F, 135 A B, 150 Q, 250 A B, 285 EB, 350 F, 600 B, 665 A, 690 B D E, 755 A E Fa, 760 F G I J, 765 A; IND 270 A, 280 C D E F, 290 A, 330 B, 460 D R T W, 510 G, 610 F, 660 C, 860 G, 960 C; IOWA 150 D, 230 F I, 310 C, 640 R, 730 B, 930 D I; KANS 540 A, 550 B C, 880 B, 940 A, 970 E.

C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE ST. - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

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FOR SALE AT CAT. - MICH 515 A B; NEBR 700 G; ND 320 B; MD 60 I; MINN 820 B C; IND 660 B C E, THE 3 FOR ONLY 10¢ TOTAL. SET OF 45 DIFF. NURNBURG-FURTH, GERMANY, OCTAGONAL ALUMINUM TOKENS FOR ONLY \$7.50 (CAT. \$9). 100 DIFF. U.S. TRANSP. TOKENS FOR \$9 POSTPAID; 200 DIFF. \$19. 1,600 16MM WM TOKENS ALL THE SAME (NC 280 E) FOR BEST OFFER. SEND 4¢ STAMP PLEASE. LOTS OF OTHER TOKENS; SEND ME YOUR WANT-LIST.

J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

## THE FREDERICKSBURG TOLL BRIDGE TOKEN

THE LARGE ALUMINUM SUN-FLOWER SHAPED TOKEN FROM FREDERICKSBURG, VA., HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN OBJECT OF SEARCHING AND INTEREST TO COLLECTORS. IT IS PICTURED IN OUR CATALOGUE ON PLATE XVI, AND THE ONE PICTURED THERE IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF THIS TOKEN KNOWN TO EXIST. IT WAS DISCOVERED BY EDGAR LEVY MANY YEARS AGO, AND YOUR EDITOR ACQUIRED IT FROM HIM WHEN HE SOLD HIS COLLECTION.

RECENTLY, HOPING TO UNCOVER MORE INFORMATION AND POSSIBLY MORE TOKENS, I WROTE THE EDITOR OF A NEWSPAPER IN FREDERICKSBURG. THEY RAN A NICE ARTICLE ABOUT MY WANTING TO PURCHASE MORE OF THESE TOKENS, AND LOCATED SOME INFORMATION WHICH I NOW PASS ON TO READERS OF THE FARE BOX. THIS TOKEN WAS USED ONLY FROM JANUARY 1, 1921, TO AUGUST 12, 1922. THE BRIDGE ON WHICH THEY WERE USED WAS BUILT LONG BEFORE 1921, BUT BY THAT TIME IT WAS BADLY IN NEED OF REPAIRS. SO THE CITY COUNCIL PLACED A TOLL OF 2¢ FOR FOOT PASSENGERS, AND 8¢ FOR 4-WHEELED VEHICLES, TO PAY FOR THE REPAIRS. THE 2¢ RATE FOR FOOT PASSENGERS INDICATES THE PROBABILITY OF THERE ALSO BEING A 2¢ TOKEN, BUT NONE HAS EVER SHOWN UP. IN ANY CASE, BY AUGUST 12, 1922, THE AMOUNT OF TOLLS COLLECTED WAS SUFFICIENT TO PAY FOR THE REPAIRS, SO TOLLS CEASED, AND THE BRIDGE AGAIN BECAME FREE, AND SO IT REMAINS TO THIS DAY. ORIGINALLY KNOWN SIMPLY AS "THE BRIDGE," IT NOW HAS THE ADDED DIGNITY OF A NAME, THE "CHATHAM BRIDGE." I WILL ADD THAT MY ARTICLE IN THE PAPER PRODUCED NO RESULTS FOR ME INSOFAR AS OBTAINING MORE TOKENS IS CONCERNED.

= J.M.C.

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## A.V.A. SLIDES SHOWN TO CLEVELAND COIN CLUB

MR. B.H. BAAKE, CURATOR OF THE A.V.A., REPORTS THAT MR. SOBOTTA RECENTLY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING OUR SLIDES OF RARE TOKENS SHOWN AT THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS OF THE CLEVELAND COIN CLUB. THERE WERE 50 TO 60 MEMBERS PRESENT AT EACH MEETING, AND SEVERAL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OUR HOBBY. MR. SOBOTTA ALSO DISPLAYED TOKENS FROM HIS COLLECTION AT THESE MEETINGS.

THE A.V.A. HAS A LARGE GROUP OF EXCELLENT SLIDES (SHOWING BOTH OBERSE AND REVERSE OF THE TOKEN ON ONE SLIDE) IN COLOR, SHOWING MANY OF THE RAREST TOKENS. THESE ARE AVAILABLE ON LOAN TO ANY A.V.A. MEMBER WHO WISHES TO SHOW THEM TO HIS COIN CLUB OR OTHER ORGANIZATION. YOU ARE ONLY ASKED TO PAY POSTAGE & INSURANCE BOTH WAYS. MR. BAAKE IS IN CHARGE OF THEM. SHOWING SUCH SLIDES IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO EXCITE INTEREST IN OUR HOBBY, AND COIN CLUBS--FOREVER IN SEARCH OF INTERESTING SPEAKERS--ARE USUALLY ONLY TOO HAPPY TO GIVE A VECTURIST THE CHANCE TO SPEAK AT A MEETING.

## CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION MEETS

THE OCTOBER MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS WAS HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 2 P.M., AT CLIFTON'S CAFETERIA, 5000 LAKEWOOD BLVD., LAKEWOOD. REGULAR MEMBERS ATTENDING INCLUDED ATWOOD, CUTLER, MILLER, ROSELINSKY, ROSS, AND KENNETH SMITH. VISITORS INCLUDED MRS. ROSS. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE INFORMED THAT THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE CLUB WOULD BE HELD AT THE NEXT MEETING, AND A SALE AND EXCHANGE OF TOKENS FOLLOWED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE MEETING, WHICH ADJOURNED AT 4 P.M.

= EDRICK J. MILLER, TREAS.

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## PARKING METER TOKENS

AN INTERESTING SIDE-LINE TO TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTING IS THE COLLECTING OF PARKING METER TOKENS. THERE ARE NOW SOME 60 OR 70 DIFFERENT PARKING TOKENS KNOWN TO EXIST, AND THE NUMBER SEEMS TO BE GROWING RAPIDLY. THEY ARE ISSUED BY CITIES, BY BANKS AND STORES, AND BY PRIVATE LOT OWNERS. THEY RANGE IN SIZE FROM 16MM TO 23MM, AND MANY OF THEM LOOK QUITE A BIT LIKE TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. A CATALOGUE OF PARKING TOKENS IS BEING COMPILED BY MR. DUANE H. FEISEL (P.O. BOX 83 - TURTLE CREEK, PA.), AND HE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIONS OF ANY PARKING TOKENS WHICH MIGHT BE OWNED BY A.V.A. MEMBERS.

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## NEW ISSUE FROM NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO

ORDINARILY, WHEN A NEW TOKEN COMES OUT, IT IS QUITE EASY FOR COLLECTORS TO OBTAIN A SUPPLY FROM THEM, BECAUSE MOST COMPANIES ARE HAPPY TO COOPERATE WITH US. HOWEVER, OCCASIONALLY, JUST THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE. FOR EXAMPLE THE NOW-DEFUNCT MAITLAND BROTHERS BUS LINE OF PETERSBURG, VA., WAS OWNED BY A MAN WHO CORDIALLY DESPISED TOKEN COLLECTORS; IF YOU WANTED TO GET HIS TOKENS YOU HAD TO RIDE THE BUS WHEN HE WASN'T LOOKING. A SIMILAR SITUATION IS THE MUNICIPALLY-OWNED BUS LINE AT NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO. THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH COLLECTORS IN ANY WAY. HAROLD FORD, ON HIS TRIP WESTWARD LAST MONTH, DISCOVERED A NEW ISSUE IN USE THERE (A SCHOOL TOKEN, AS ALL THEIR TOKENS ARE). BUT THERE SEEMS NO WAY THAT WE CAN OBTAIN THEM. LETTERS FROM COLLECTORS ARE PROMPTLY "FILED" IN THE NEAREST WASTE BASKET. IF ANY MEMBER KNOWS SOMEONE IN NORTH OLMSTED, PREFERABLY A BOY OR GIRL GOING TO SCHOOL, PERHAPS WE CAN OBTAIN A SUPPLY OF THE NEW TOKEN. OTHERWISE IT IS GOING TO BE VERY HARD TO GET.

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= REMEMBER TO SEND THE SECRETARY YOUR 1960 DUES =

= A VECTURIST ABROAD =  
BY HAROLD FORD, JR.

DEPARTING FROM IDLEWILD AIRPORT IN NEW YORK, SATURDAY JULY 25, I ARRIVED IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON AFTER STOPS IN NEWFOUNDLAND, ICELAND, AND SWEDEN. IN COPENHAGEN ALL THE HOTELS WERE FULL, IT BEING THE HEIGHT OF THE NORTHERN EUROPEAN TOURIST SEASON, SO BEING AT A LOSS FOR A PLACE TO STAY, I WENT TO THE BAHNHOF (RAILROAD STATION) WHERE LARGE CITIES MAINTAIN TOURIST BUREAUS. A "MEET THE DANES" OPERATION WAS IN PROGRESS, AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR ME TO STAY WITH A DANISH FAMILY IN THEIR OWN HOME. I WAS ASSIGNED TO LIVE WITH A COPENHAGEN BUS DRIVER'S FAMILY! WHILE IT WAS INTENDED THAT TOKENS WEREN'T TO BE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ON THIS TRIP, I HAD INITIALLY INTENDED TO RELEGATE THEM MORE TO THE BACKGROUND THAN IF I HAD BEEN TRAVELING IN THE U.S. BUT MY FIRST FULL DAY IN EUROPE CHANGED THIS. WALKING DOWN STUDIESTRAEDE WITH A NEWLY MADE FRIEND, WE PASSED SOME ANTIQUE AND JUNK SHOPS. IN A WINDOW OF ONE I NOTED A SMALL DISPLAY OF COINS SO I VENTURED INSIDE; ONE CASE WAS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO COINS. I ASKED THE OWNER IF HE HAD ANY "SPORVEI GELD," OR SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT, AND OUT CAME THE TRAY OF HODGE-PODGE, AS OFTEN HAPPENS IN A U.S. COIN SHOP. SORTING THRU I FOUND ABOUT HALF A DOZEN DANISH & SWEDISH FARE TOKENS. AS I NEARLY FINISHED I SPOTTED A LARGE BRASS DISK WITH INSCRIPTIONS IN ENGLISH. THE SIDE IN VIEW READ "GOOD FROM HOTEL TO DEPOT." TURNING IT OVER I FOUND IT TO BE AN UNLISTED DEPOTEL TOKEN FROM MISSOURI, RIGHT IN MY OWN BACK YARD! THE FIRST DAY AND MY TRIP ALREADY A SUCCESS, I THOUGHT. THE TOKENS COST ME ONLY ONE DANISH KRONE APIECE (15¢)--ONE OF THE BIGGEST BARGAINS SINCE THE PURCHASE OF MANHATTAN ISLAND HAD BEEN STRUCK! WITH SUCH INITIAL SUCCESS, I ANTICIPATED THE REST OF MY TRIP WITH ENTHUSIASM, FIGURING THAT PERHAPS THERE WERE LOTS OF OLD U.S. TOKENS TO BE UNCOVERED IN EUROPE.

BEFORE LEAVING COPENHAGEN I VISITED SEVERAL OTHER ANTIQUE SHOPS, AND FOUNDED 3 COIN SHOPS. NO MORE U.S. TOKENS, BUT A NUMBER FROM SCANDINAVIA WERE FOUND AND PURCHASED. NEXT, A 2-DAY STOP IN HAMBURG, GERMANY, WHERE THERE ARE 4 FORMS OF PUBLIC TRANSIT: S-BAHN (ELEVATED); U-BAHN (SUBWAY); STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR); AND BUS. FARE IS 30 PFENNIG IN THE CITY. CARS AND BUSES IN EUROPE HAVE A CREW OF 2: A DRIVER & A CONDUCTOR, WHO SITS AT A STAND BY THE REAR ENTRANCE COLLECTING FARES. IN MOST CITIES THEY ISSUE LITTLE PAPER RECEIPTS. I SPENT A WEEK IN ANTWERP, BELGIUM, VISITING A FORMER EXCHANGE STUDENT. WE TOOK A NUMBER OF SIDE TRIPS VISITING BRUSSELS, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, GHENT, BRUGGE, AND OSTEND. BRUSSELS AND ANTWERP HAVE TROLRIES WITH SINGLE POLES AS WE HAVE IN THE U.S., WHICH IS VERY UNUSUAL FOR EUROPE. IN THESE CITIES YOU SEE BOTH VERY OLD AND VERY NEW STREETCARS, THE OLD ONES BEING VINTAGE 1910.

STAMP COLLECTING IS VERY POPULAR IN THIS AREA OF EUROPE. STAMP DEALERS ARE FOUND EVERYWHERE, BUT COIN DEALERS ARE PRACTICALLY NON-EXISTENT. AMSTERDAM'S JACQUES SCHULMAN, AN INTER-

NATIONALLY KNOWN COIN DEALER, WAS MY LONE CONTACT IN THIS AREA THAT PAID OFF WITH SEVERAL OLD EUROPEAN TOKENS. ENGLAND IN MID-AUGUST WAS VERY PLEASANT. IT ONLY RAINED ONCE. SPENT 5 DAYS IN LONDON AND 3 IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND AND WALES. LONDON LIKE PARIS, HAS NO STREETCARS, BUT HAS THE "UNDERGROUND," AND THOSE FASCINATING DOUBLE-DECKED BUSES. FARE ON BOTH IS RECKONED IN PENCE, DEPENDING ON THE DISTANCE TRAVELED. LONDON HAS ONLY 4 LISTED COIN DEALERS, AND ONE OF THEM DEALS MAINLY IN STAMPS. SPINKS AND SEABYS ARE NAMES KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN COIN COLLECTOR. SPRINKS IS QUITE SHOWY AND ELEGANT, WITH A DOORMAN IN UNIFORM. SEABY WAS FASCINATING WITH ITS MANY DEPARTMENTS OF NUMISMATIC SPECIALIZATION. I ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE A COPY OF HERDMAN'S TRANSPORT TOKENS OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND, BUT NEITHER FIRM HAD A COPY EVEN IN THEIR OWN LIBRARY. AT A 3RD FIRM I DID LOCATE A GOOD QUANTITY OF BOTH U.S. AND ENGLISH TOKENS. THE U.S. AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 200 COMMON TOKENS. AS THEY WANTED 1/6 (20¢) EACH I PASSED THEM UP, BUT DID GET SEVERAL ENGLISH ONES AT 2/- AND UP, WHICH WERE QUITE OLD.

PARIS IN AUGUST IS DULL COMPARED WITH THE OTHER 11 MONTHS. THE AVERAGE FRENCHMAN LOCKS UP SHOP AND TAKES THE WHOLE MONTH AS A HOLIDAY. FIVE OUT OF NINE COIN SHOPS WERE CLOSED. THOSE THAT WERE OPEN PAID OFF HANDSOMELY IN TOKENS WHICH WERE UNLISTED IN THE OLD ATWOOD FOREIGN LIST. PARIS, LIKE LONDON, IS A CITY OF OLD BUSES, POSSIBLE VINTAGE GOING BACK TO THE EARLY 1930'S; BUT THEY AREN'T DOUBLE-DECKED. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, BEAUTIFUL TOURIST SIGHTSEEING BUSES, DOUBLE-DECKED, WHICH BEAT IN BEAUTY ANYTHING IN THE U.S.A. FARE ON THE SUBWAY IS 45 FRANCS (9¢) 2ND CLASS, 70 FRANCS 1ST CLASS. EACH SUBWAY TRAIN HAS 5 CARS (A TRAIN BEING THE EXACT LENGTH OF EACH STATION), 2 GREEN, 1 RED, AND 2 GREEN. GREEN FOR 2ND CLASS; RED FOR 1ST CLASS--BUT NO ONE CHECKS UP ON YOU. IN EARLY SEPTEMBER I VISITED SWITZERLAND INCLUDING LUZERNE WHERE THE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS A TROLLEY & RAIL MUSEUM. THEN TO SOUTHERN GERMANY, WHERE I CONTACTED A.V.A. MEMBER ROBERT RIEDER (STATIONED THERE WITH THE U.S. MILITARY) AND TOGETHER WITH HIM AND HIS FAMILY, I SAW MUCH OF THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE. AT GARMISH WE RODE A SUSPENDED LIFT UP A MOUNTAIN. IN SALZBURG WE RODE ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING PHENOMENA OF ALL: A WATER-POWERED INCLINE RAILWAY. WATER IS TAKEN IN BY THE CAR AT THE TOP SO ITS WEIGHT PLUS THAT OF THE PASSENGERS OFFSETS THE WEIGHT OF THE PASSENGERS IN THE CAR BELOW. BRAKES ARE RELEASED, AND THE HEAVIER CAR GOES DOWN THE MOUNTAIN PULLING THE LIGHTER ONE UP. WATER IS LET OUT AT THE BOTTOM AND THE PROCESS IS REPEATED. THEY USE TICKETS, BUT NO TOKENS. I TOOK A 7-DAY TRIP OUT OF MUNICH VISITING VARIOUS INTERESTING TOWNS: HEIDELBERG (A QUAIN T INCLINE RAILWAY); FRANKFURT (FOUND SEVERAL TOKENS); WIESBADEN; COLOGNE (FOUND 2 SOUTH AMERICAN CELLS); LUXEMBURG; KAISERSLAUTERN (CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM IS ENTIRELY TROLLEY BUSES); AND SEVERAL OTHERS. ANOTHER SIDE TRIP WAS TAKEN TO BERLIN, BOTH EAST AND WEST. THE ONLY THING THE DIVIDED CITIES SHARE IS THE U-BAHN WHICH CAN'T BE DIVIDED. TWO SEPARATE BUS SYSTEMS OPERATE (NO TRANSFER POINTS). THE U-BAHN IS PRACTICALLY THE ONLY MEANS OF TRAVEL BETWEEN EAST

AND WEST BERLIN. IT IS THE AVENUE OF ESCAPE FOR MANY IN THE EAST. THE FARE IS 20 PF. (5¢). A MEMBER OF THE "PEOPLE'S POLICE" RIDES THE CARS IN THE EAST ZONE, CHECKING UP ON POSSIBLE ESCAPEES. SEVERAL COIN SHOPS EXIST IN WEST BERLIN BUT HAD LITTLE TO OFFER IN FARE TOKENS; HOWEVER I WAS ABLE TO PICK UP A 1796 U.S. SILVER DOLLAR FOR A FRACTION OF ITS VALUE.

VIENNA IN OCTOBER. THE ONLY TOKENS TO BE FOUND IN SHOPS WERE THE BRONZE 1938 STRASSENBAHN TOKENS. THEN SOUTH TO VENICE WHERE THERE ARE NO AUTOS, BUSES, OR STREETCARS. THE CITY SITS OUT IN THE SEA; THE ONLY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION IS BY BOAT. GONDOLAS ARE FOR PRIVATE HIRE AND EXCURSION TOURS. THEN THERE IS THE "Vaporetto," A SMALL MOTORIZED PASSENGER BOAT WHICH SERVES FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT; THEY RUN ON FREQUENT SCHEDULES PLYING THE GRAND CANAL FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER; FARE IS 100 LIRE (15¢) WHICH IS A BARGAIN CONSIDERING THAT THIS RIDE IS THE BEST ALL-AROUND LOOK AT THE CITY YOU CAN GET. ELSEWHERE IN ITALY I VISITED BOLOGNA, THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO (ATOP A MOUNTAIN), ASSISI, AND ROME, WHERE A PAPAL AUDIENCE AND TOURS OF VATICAN CITY HIGHLIGHTED MY STAY. THERE ARE NO STREETCARS, BUT A GOOD BUS SYSTEM (RECOMMENDED, AS DRIVING IN YOUR CAR IS CHAOS DUE TO A LACK OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS). FARES VARY ACCORDING TO ROUTE, BUT USUALLY ABOUT 30 LIRE. THERE IS ONE SUBWAY LINE, WHICH USES TOKENS; FARE IS 40 LIRE. ASIDE FROM BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, ROME WAS THE ONLY CITY I FOUND THAT STILL USES TOKENS IN EUROPE. LEAVING ROME, I FOUND THAT AN ALUMINUM TOKEN WAS ISSUED IN GENOA IN 1944). THENCE TO MARSEILLES WHERE I WAS SURPRISED THAT A CITY OF ITS SIZE HAS NO COIN DEALERS. CONTINUING NORTH, I VISITED PARIS A 2ND TIME, AND THE PREVIOUSLY-ABSENT COIN DEALERS WERE BACK AND I VISITED THEM. ALSO SAW THE NATIONAL MINT, THE MANY VENDORS STALLS ON THE SEINE, AND THE FABULOUS "FLEA MARKET" ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CITY...THE GREATEST "USED" MARKET IN THE WORLD. HERE ON WEEKENDS MANY SQUARE BLOCKS OF VENDORS' STALLS ENGAGE IN SELLING EVERYTHING FROM ANTIQUES TO JUNK...MANY WITH TRAYS OF COINS & TOKENS. HAD ONE TIME, HE COULD UNDOUBTEDLY UNEARTH MANY TRANSP. TOKENS HERE.

AT THIS POINT, WITH COLD WEATHER SETTING IN, I DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO END MY FIRST CONTINENTAL ADVENTURE. I MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO RETURN TO THE U.S. FROM AMSTERDAM, THUS AFFORDING MYSELF AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT MR. BINGEN IN TILBURG, HOLLAND. MR. BINGEN, AN A.V.A. MEMBER, AND I SPENT AN EVENING TOGETHER IN HIS HOME WHICH WAS DEFINITELY THE NUMISMATIC CLIMAX OF MY TRIP. HE HAS AN EXTENSIVE CABINET DEVOTED TO EUROPEAN COINAGE, A COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY, AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A REPRESENTATIVE COLLECTION OF FARE TOKENS FROM ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PERHAPS AN EMPHASIS ON THE EUROPEAN ISSUES. SHORTLY AFTER THIS PLEASANT EVENING, I LEFT AMSTERDAM BY AIR FOR AMERICA AND HOME, THUS BRINGING TO A CLOSE MY FIRST INTERNATIONAL EXCAPADE.

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= REMEMBER YOUR 1960 A.V.A. DUES =

## DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

MASSACHUSETTS

HOLYOKE 355 (REPORTED BY JULIUS SHERR)  
NORTHAMPTON STREET RY. CO.

C WM 16 N GOOD FOR ONE FARE \$0.20

NORTH CAROLINA

WADESBORO 880 (REPORTED BY KENNETH SMITH)  
WADESBORO TRANSIT CO. W

B o WM 16 Sd GOOD FOR ONE 10¢ FARE 1.00

OHIO

CHILLICOTHE 160 (REPORTED BY HAROLD FORD)  
PUBLIC TRANSPORT, INC. CHILLICOTHE, O.

F WM 23 P GOOD FOR ONE FARE .20

UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY 750 (REPORTED BY MORTON H. DAWSON)  
SALT LAKE RAPID TRANSIT CO. ONE FARE

O o CB 22 Sd 5 3.50

WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN RAPIDS 980 (REPORTED BY DUANE H. FEISEL)  
TRI-CITY BUS COMPANY (BUS)

E o WM 16 BAR GOOD FOR ONE CITY FARE (BUS) 1.00

UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED BY CECIL G. JEFFERSON)  
DEE BUS

69 WM 21 Sd ONE FARE (ALL LETTERING HAND-STAMPED)

MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES

GROUP 17 (REPORTED BY DUANE FEISEL)  
GRANT MONEY METERS COMPANY GMM

D WM 16 BALL ALLOCATED TOKEN GMM

## GROUP 19

T Bz 23 H GOOD FOR ONE FARE

U WM 16 C " " " "

V Bz 16 M " " " "

## GROUP 22

D B 16 BAR ALLOCATED TOKEN (BUS)

THERE IS A PATTERN SIMILAR TO CANADA - QUEBEC 850 C, BUT  
IN BRASS.



NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THIS MONTH WE HAVE A RATHER ODD TOKEN TO REPORT FROM HOLYOKE, MASS. ON NOVEMBER 1, 1959, THE COMPANY AT HOLYOKE GOT A FARE RAISE TO 4 FOR 65¢. SO, TO GET THE OLD TOKENS TURNED IN AT THE OLD RATE, THE HOLYOKE COMPANY PLACED THE NORTHAMPTON TOKENS IN USE TEMPORARILY. AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME IT IS EXPECTED THEY WILL USE THE OLDER TOKENS, AND BRING IN THE NORTHAMPTON TOKENS AS THEY ARE USED UP. THESE NORTHAMPTON TOKENS WERE MADE BACK IN THE EARLY 1940'S FOR THE NORTHAMPTON STREET RY. CO. OF NORTHAMPTON, MASS., BUT WERE NEVER USED, AND SIMPLY PUT INTO STORAGE. LATER THESE TOKENS WERE ACQUIRED BY HOLYOKE ST. RY. CO. WHEN THE NORTHAMPTON FIRM LIQUIDATED. FORTUNATELY FOR US, JULIUS SHERR WAS GIVEN ONE OF THESE TOKENS, AND WE WERE THEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN ITS ACTUAL USE. HAD THESE BEEN USED AND CALLED IN AGAIN BEFORE ANYONE HAD DISCOVERED THEM, AND THEN ONE SHOWED UP A FEW YEARS LATER, WE MIGHT HAVE HAD REAL DIFFICULTY FINDING OUT ABOUT THEM.

NEXT WE HAVE A TOKEN FROM WADESBORO WHICH WAS MENTIONED IN AN ARTICLE BY KENNETH SMITH IN LAST MONTH'S FARE BOX.

THE CHILLICOTHE TOKEN WAS DISCOVERED BY HAROLD FORD ON HIS WAY FROM BOSTON TO KANSAS. HAROLD SAYS THIS TOKEN HAS BEEN IN USE ABOUT TWO YEARS, AND HE OBTAINED A SUPPLY FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE.

NEXT, AN OLD TOKEN FROM SALT LAKE CITY PICKED UP BY MORT DAWSON. JOHN COFFEE SUPPLIES THIS INFORMATION FROM AN 1899 STREET RAILWAY DIRECTORY: IT WAS A TROLLEY (ELECTRIC) ROAD, OPERATING 32 MILES OF TRACK ON 26 MILES OF STREETS. ITS FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS WERE ISSUED IN 1890, SO THAT PROBABLY WAS WHEN IT BEGAN OPERATIONS. THERE WERE ALSO A COUPLE OTHER COMPANIES OPERATING IN SALT LAKE AT THE SAME TIME, SO THERE COULD BE OTHER TOKENS AS WELL.

THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS TOKEN WAS FOUND BY DUANE FEISEL ON A VISIT TO ANOTHER COMPANY TO EXAMINE THEIR ODD TOKENS. WE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF A 16MM WM TOKEN ON PAGE 56 OF THE JULY 59 FARE BOX, AND NOW ONE HAS SHOWN UP. PROBABLY THE ONLY WAY ANY OF THESE WILL SHOW UP IS THROUGH THE FARE BOXES OF OTHER CITIES.

THE MAVERICK WAS LEARNED ABOUT A FEW MONTHS BACK, BUT IT WAS A FIRST THOUGHT TO BE A HOME-MADE JOB. HOWEVER, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY USED BY A SMALL BUS LINE, SO WE ARE LISTING IT IN CASE ANYONE KNOWS OF SUCH A LINE. THE MANUFACTURERS SAMPLES ARE SOME WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

SOME TIME BACK I WAS CHECKING THROUGH VARIOUS OLD ELECTRIC RAILWAY JOURNALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO TRACE THE HISTORY OF VARIOUS TYPES OF FARE BOXES WHICH HAD USED TOKENS. WAY BACK IN 1885

THEY CAME UP WITH A SYSTEM CALLED THE "TUBE SYSTEM" OF FARE COLLECTION. BACK IN THE HORSECAR DAYS WHEN ONLY A DRIVER, WITH NO CONDUCTOR, WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CAR, THEY USED A TUBE TO SAVE THE PASSENGERS FROM HAVING TO CLIMB OVER EACH OTHER TO PAY THE FARE. THIS WAS FIXED HIGHER IN THE REAR THAN IN THE FRONT, SO THAT WHEN A PASSENGER PAID HIS FARE, THE COIN OR TOKEN WOULD ROLL DOWN AN INCLINE INTO A BOX BY THE DRIVER WHO WOULD THEN NOTE THAT THE PASSENGER HAD PAID HIS FARE. LATER, VARIOUS TYPES OF FARE BOXES WERE MADE, AND WHEN SOME OF THESE APPEARED THERE WERE OBJECTIONS BY THE EMPLOYEES, AND THE CASE WENT TO THE SUPREME COURT, WHICH RULED THAT A COMPANY COULD PLACE ANY METHOD OF FARE ACCOUNTING ON ITS STREETCARS. UP TO 1916 VARIOUS TYPES OF FARE BOXES WERE MADE WHICH PROBABLY REGISTERED DIMES, NICKELS, AND PENNIES. AS FEW COMPANIES HAD RATES INVOLVING PENNIES, JOHNSON FARE BOX CAME OUT WITH A BOX WHICH DID INVOLVE PENNIES AND REGISTERED THEM. THEY HAD DEVELOPED THIS FARE BOX A COUPLE YEARS EARLIER, SO THEY CHANGED THIS BOX SO IT WOULD REGISTER TWO SIZES OF TOKENS, DIMES, NICKLES, AND PENNIES. TO MAKE THE BOX PRACTICAL THEY CAME OUT WITH THREE SIZES OF TOKENS: THE 16MM (.650 SIZE, BETWEEN THE SIZE OF A DIME & A CANADIAN HALF-DIME); THE 20MM (.800 SIZE, BETWEEN PENNY AND NICKEL SIZE); AND THE 23MM (.900 SIZE, BETWEEN NICKEL & QUARTER SIZE). ONE OF THE FIRST COMPANIES TO USE THE NEW TOKENS WAS THE MOBILE LIGHT & RAILROAD CO. OF ALABAMA...AND 4 TOKENS OF THIS COMPANY WERE PICTURED IN THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY JOURNAL ON PAGE 1120 OF THE 1916 JOURNAL. THESE TOKENS ARE THE ONES WE HAVE LISTED AS ALA 560 D, O, S, AND ONE WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN LISTED:

MOBILE LIGHT AND RAILROAD CO.

WM 20 E      EMPLOYEES PASS

THERE HAVE BEEN ARGUMENTS BOTH PRO AND CON AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THESE FOUR TOKENS WERE PATTERNS OR WERE ACTUALLY USED. WE HAVE FOUR TOKENS WHICH SOME CLAIM WERE THOSE ACTUALLY USED: 560 C WITH 560 D AS THE PATTERN; 560 G WITH THE UNLISTED ONE AS THE PATTERN; 560 R WITH 560 O AS THE PATTERN; 560 M WITH 560 S AS THE PATTERN. AS THIS WAS 33 YEARS AGO, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS SOMEONE WILL COME UP WITH THE AUTHENTIC INFORMATION.

ANOTHER ONE OF THE FIRST COMPANIES TO USE TOKENS WAS THE EVANSVILLE PUBLIC UTILITIES CO. WHICH CAME OUT WITH IND 280 B TO REPLACE TICKETS WHICH SOLD AT 6 FOR 25¢. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANYONE CAN PLACE ANY TOKEN WITH A LETTER CUT-OUT, OR A LETTER SHOWING, TO HAVE BEEN IN USE PRIOR TO 1916.

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SEATTLE TRANSIT COMMISSION HAS DECIDED AGAINST CONSTRUCTING A MONORAIL FOR THE COMING "CENTURY 21" EXPOSITION TO BE HELD IN THAT CITY, AND HAS RAISED FARES FROM 4/75¢ TO 20¢.

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